

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A missional community called to love and live in Christ



February 22, 2026

Healing What's Within

Christ | Mystics | Music | Meaning
2026 Lenten Series

2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | Donna Chapin | Farra Wilson | Gena Smith
Jane Howard | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahnert | Kara Vonderkall
Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg | Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison
Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection

Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families

Erin Pollock—director of youth and their families

Amy Shortt—director of music ministries

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM

Livestream | 11:10 AM



Gathering

Please pass the Friendship Pad down each pew and back again after signing. If you are visiting, please provide your email address or phone number as we would love to connect with you. Please write legibly.

Prelude

Amy Shortt

Ritual of Friendship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

News of the Church Alive

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

In the quiet of the garden, God walks toward us.
Even when we are hiding, God seeks us.
When we are lost, God calls our name.
When we are thirsty, God offers living water.
God does not begin with accusation,
God begins with invitation.
"Where are you?"
We come with our longing, our fear, our hope, and our need.
As a deer longs, for flowing streams,
So our souls long for the living God.
Come, let us worship the One who seeks us before we seek Him.
Let us worship God.

+Hymn 370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and searching God, You come to us in love, yet we shrink back in fear. You call, "Where are you?" and we are not always sure how to answer. We confess that we have hidden from you and from ourselves. We have listened to voices that distort the truth. We have trusted our fears more than your promises. We have blamed, avoided, and defended rather than walking in humility and trust. When life feels dry, we doubt your presence. When shame rises, we cover ourselves. When longing aches within us, we try to satisfy it elsewhere. Have mercy on us, O God. Seek us when we wander. Gently uncover what we conceal. Heal what is broken within us. In this Lenten season, give us courage to tell the truth about where we are and grace to trust that you are already here. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie 577

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy.

Cantor to sing first. Congregation will sing when invited on repeat.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The passing of the peace is an element of worship which traditionally follows the assurance of pardon. Sharing a sign of peace signifies our reconciliation and peace with God and one another. You are invited to pass the peace in the manner that is most comfortable to you.

+Congregational Response

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson, 1995

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

The Proclamation of the Word

Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Youth and their Families*

Children age four to fifth grade may depart for Kids Worship

We have a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the Parlor

Baptism (11:10 AM)

Beckett Ryan Ciccone, son of Ryan and Ashlee Ciccone.

Hymn 482 (11:10 AM)	<i>Baptized in Water</i> Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.	
Song of Illumination 577	<i>Take, O Take Me as I Am</i> Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.	TAKE ME AS I AM
Scripture Lesson	Genesis 3:1-9 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 3
Sermon	Healing What's Within: Where Are you?	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 418	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Responding

According to the PCUSA Book of Order, the Affirmation of Faith is a response to the Word proclaimed that affirms our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith can be drawn from a variety of sources, including Scripture, creeds, confession, catechisms, hymns, or personal testimony.

+Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Assoc. Pastor</i>
+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.	GREATOREX

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.
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Invitation to the Offering	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Assoc. Pastor</i>
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Offertory Anthem	<i>Going Home</i> Ravon Sheppard, baritone	DVOŘÁK
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+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
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+Prayer of Thanksgiving	(9 AM) Ryan Morrison (11:10 AM) Jeff Ward
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Departing

+Hymn 69	<i>Here I Am Lord</i> Stanzas 1 and 3	HERE I AM
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+Benediction

+Choral Benediction	<i>Peace</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	a Shaker Tune arr. K. Siegfried
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

(11:10 AM) A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the service today. Please remain seated.

Announcements

Winter Bible Study – Join us for the Book of Matthew Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. If you have questions or need information, please contact Alice Herrington (aherrington7@gmail.com) or Bill Berger (bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com).

Lenten Small Groups titled “*Healing What’s Within: Christ, Mystics, Music and Meaning*,” this year’s series begins this week. These small groups are an incredible way to build community within the church while diving deeply into God’s Word. To sign up visit: brownsonchurch.org/registration. For information, please contact Bill Berger at: bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Pancake Breakfast– Join us in Fellowship Hall this morning between services for the annual Brownson Youth Pancake Breakfast. This event is a fundraiser to support the youth’s summer trips but there is no cost to attend. Come to support Brownson Youth and stay for the fellowship and delicious food! If you would like to make a donation to Brownson Youth you can go to www.brownsonchurch.org/give or use the QR code.



Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting today immediately following the 11:10 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to share our Annual Report, 2026 Budget and to vote on the Terms of Call for Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin.

Save the Date: We look forward to celebrating Brownson’s 90th Anniversary as a church family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3 for **one** all together service at 10:30 AM, an all-church picture and family meal! More details coming soon!

Chili Cook-Off – Sunday March 8, 4:30–6 PM – Fellowship Hall: Join us for this year’s chili cook-off! We will taste test chilis crafted by Brownson cooks, crowning winners for the best of 2026! PB&J will be provided for our younger eaters. If you would like more information, please contact Sharon Ramsey at sharonramsey.nc@gmail.com or sign up to be a chili cook or volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545AFAB23A31-45644895-chili>.

Beginning March 1, 2026 and continuing each Sunday, “Online Higher Grounds” will appear in the Atrium. This Zoom connection will allow you to meet and say hello to our Online Members. Please stop and introduce yourself. No technology experience required!

2026 Habitat Apostle Build. April 10 and 11 from 8 AM to 12 PM. Habitat has requested 6 volunteers/day. Sign up at sandhillshabitat.org. For further information contact Don Power at donc6power@gmail.com.

The **Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk** will be **Sunday afternoon March 29** at Union Pines High School. Check out how to register or donate at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/sandhillsnc>.

Music Notes

Join Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, on **Wednesdays at 1 PM in the sanctuary** starting Ash Wednesday, February 18 during the season of Lent for **Mindfulness and Music**. Enter a space of stillness and sacred sound through the music of the mystics, contemplative prayer, silence, and guided imagery, offering a gentle path of inner healing and wholeness.

Ways to Serve | Local Missions

SANDHILLS COALITION

DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.

DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex

Contact Caryl Schunk, cschunk@guilford.edu

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, Brownson has a full service nursery for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. The nursery is located in the Education Building. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children at both services to join Kids Worship. Parents, if your child is participating, please fill out a Brownson Kids sticker for each child, place it on them before they come to the front. Stickers are in the pews.

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today— Non-partisan current events are discussed each Sunday morning using *The Wired Word* curriculum with Biblical references. Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o’clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

We hope you’ll support our youth friends at the Pancake Breakfast today! 2nd Grade Milestone – Worship and Communion - group continues today at 10:15. 3rd Grade Milestone group meets today at 3:30. Join us for Kids Connect tonight at 5 PM!

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Today is the Pancake Breakfast. Join us in between services in the Fellowship Hall to support Brownson Youth. There will be no youth group tonight! High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Prayers and Praise

Today’s **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Martha Butler’s Birthday.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Allan Beck, Logan Beck, Dave Devendorf, Hank Roofe.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Scott Absher, Chuck Davis, Michael White, Lee Pittman, Will Herring, Ryan Riggan.