

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*

**November 14, 2021**

**9 & 11:10 AM In Person**

**11:10 AM Online**

**Commitment Sunday**

**together *we* rise**

B R O W N S O N   S T E W A R D S H I P   C A M P A I G N   2 0 2 2



**Rev. John Hage**—senior pastor

**Rev. Carolyn Helms**—transitional associate pastor of congregational care

**John Tyson**—director of music ministries

**Austin Vernon**—director of discipleship and missions

**Kelli Garbett**—director of children and their families

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## Gathering

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

### Prelude

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

**News of the Church Alive**

John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Minute for Mission**      Together WE Rise      Michael Gantt & Ryan Ciccone—Elders, Stewardship

**Musical Meditation**      “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”  
Moore County Brass

## The Praise of God

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### +Call to Worship

Here with these people you are called into a calling. Come, friends, you are welcome -  
**in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Here we choose to lift each other up, humbly, gently, patiently -  
**in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Here we are a small part of one body in one Spirit, with one Lord, one faith, one baptism -  
**in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Here we share hope in one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**In the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace let us worship God.**

### +Hymn 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”  
Vs. 1, 3 & 4

CORONATION

## Confessing

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### Call to Confession

Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

### Prayer of Confession

During this time of confession, we invite you to pray in the silence of your own heart...

### Kyrie



### Assurance of Pardon

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

### Congregational Response

“We Are Forgiven”

Hal H. Hopson, 1995

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

*(During the second response, your children are invited to come forward)*

## The Proclamation of the Word

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### Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*  
children second grade and under can depart for Kids worship

### Anthem

“Let the People Sing Praise Unto the Lord”  
The Chancel Choir, Chris Dunn | Trumpet

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### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 9:27-34  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Two Voices of Grace

Rev. Dr. Leanne Van Dyk, *Guest Preacher*

### +Hymn 647

“Give Thanks”

GIVE THANKS

## Responding

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### +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.

### +Gloria

"Gloria Patri"

GREATORIX

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.

### Prayers of the People

John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

### 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.

### Invitation to the Offering

Carolyn Helms, *Transitional Associate Pastor*

### Offertory

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"  
The Chancel Choir

Arr. Raney

### +Presentation of Gifts

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
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

### Act of Commitment

(Please bring your pledge card forward and place it on the Communion Table. All pledge cards that have been turned in so far during the campaign are present today).

### Prayer of Commitment

(9:00) Reggie Reid (11:10) Michael Gantt

We give thanks, O God, for this community of faith that inspires us and supports us to hear your call to faith and generosity. May our pledges of ourselves, our treasures and our time be blessed by your multiplying grace so that we may also join in the joy of being your faithful servants. We pray in Christ's Holy name to be a missional community called to love and live in Christ. Amen.

## Departing

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### +Hymn 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

### +Blessing of our Meal and Benediction

### +Choral Response

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

GOD BE WITH YOU

### Postlude

A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

## Announcements

**PW Fundraiser:** Due to our Church Picnic today, the PW fund raiser will not be held. Sales will resume on Sunday, November 21st in the Atrium between services and after the 11:10 service. Most likely, this will be the final day for sales so don't miss out on purchasing these beautiful notecards for your own personal use as well as special gifts. If you would like to place an order contact Linda Bryant by email: [lsbryant@nc.rr.com](mailto:lsbryant@nc.rr.com).

**Pine Needle Baskets**—Long ago, when Brownson came to be, a group of women made pine needle baskets to raise money for a new sanctuary. During the month of our Stewardship Campaign, the offering will be taken using Pine Needle Baskets in honor of the history of Brownson Church.

**Empty Stocking:** If you would like to adopt a family this Christmas through the Empty Stocking Program, please contact Brenda Hiscott, [hiscott@nc.rr.com](mailto:hiscott@nc.rr.com) or 910.295.9544. Cash donations are also needed to purchase food vouchers for the families.

**Thank you** to Moore County Brass for offering your talents in worship today.

**Thank you** to the many volunteers that have made today's church picnic possible. We appreciate your service!

**November 28—Brownson Connects: Advent Edition-** Please bring breakfast for your family and a friend to share. This will be a great time of fellowship and our Intro to Advent together. To make this event a success, we are in need of glass jars. Please drop off donations in the Atrium or to the church office.

**Guest Preacher—Rev. Dr. Leanne Van Dyk:** A special thank you to the Bill Jones Committee for bringing our guest preacher today. Dr. Leanne Van Dyk is President and Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS) in Decatur, GA. She has served in this capacity at CTS since 2015. Dr. Van Dyk is an ordained minister in the PC(USA) and currently serves as Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Theological Schools. We appreciate the work of the Bill Jones Committee and the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team for bringing Dr. Van Dyk to Brownson today.

### Ways to Engage

#### **Brownson Connects:**

**The Ligon Bible Class** - This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM.

**The Living Word Today** (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM. Meeting ID: 815 7201 6346, Passcode: 058642.

**Donuts and Devotionals** - Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C at 10 AM as we discuss some of the most important stories in the Old Testament!

**Children and Youth** will fellowship with their families until 10:20, then dismiss to the fellowship hall for their Brownson Connect Groups. We are studying "Back to the Basics of the Bible!"

#### **Adult Studies:**

**Genesis Bible Study** - This group is studying some of the most important biblical stories in the Book of Genesis. Join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM in Conference Room A or on Zoom. Meeting ID: 897 2445 6628, Passcode: 800787.

**Women's Small Group** - This group is exploring the "ordinary" lives of biblical women. Join us on Tuesdays at 7 PM. Please contact Kelli Garbett for more information. Meeting ID: 818 1396 1660, Passcode: 790016.

**Biblical Justice** - This community study led by local clergy meets on Thursdays at 7 PM. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/168128383521>. Zoom information available after registering.

**Theology on Tap** - The men of the church meet on Wednesday nights at 6 PM at Table on the Green.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** - This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. Please contact Bill Berger for more information.

#### **Children & Youth:**

**Children:** Join us tonight for our Second Sunday of Service from 5:00-6:30. We will be packing food boxes, care packs for teachers, and a few art projects for members of our congregation.

**Youth:** Youth will compete in teams to pack boxes of food for our annual food drive competition from 5 to 6:30 tonight!

### Ways to Serve

**Southern Pines Elementary School** - Through the month of November, Brownson is collecting new and gently used coats (sizes 8 up to adult medium) for students at Southern Pines Elementary School. Please place coats in the large box in the Atrium. Contact Austin Vernon at [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org) or call the church office for more information.

**Higher Grounds**—to continue to operate the ministry of *Higher Grounds* coffee and donut hour on Sunday mornings, we need volunteers to help with the donuts. If you are feeling called to serve one Sunday a month, please call the church office or email: [news@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:news@brownsonchurch.org) to volunteer.

### Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:** 9:00 Head Usher—Jim Webb, Bob & Peggy Flygar, Mark & Jan Lindstrom. 11:10 Head Usher—Frank Dean, Bill Berger, Ryan Ciccone, Don & Brenda Hiscott, Sara James.

**The Chancel flowers** today are dedicated to the Glory and Majesty of Almighty God and are given by Diane Westbrook with thanksgiving for her husband Jim Westbrook and their daughter Ashley Westbrook Turton.

### Prayers and Praise

**Christian Sympathy:** to Ruth Hellinger upon the death of her daughter, Debi Meginnis on 11/3 and to Byna Batson upon the death of her daughter, Paula Beck on 10/21.

**Celebration:** to Chuck and Sue Davis upon the birth of their granddaughter, Evelyn Ann Haithcock, born on October 21.