

BROWNSON

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A missional community called to love and live in Christ

June 11, 2023



2023 Session of Brownson

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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
John Tyson—director of music ministries
Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
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 as we would love to connect with you.

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Tom Birchwood

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 We come together in the sure knowledge:
God does not pass us by.
We gather to worship knowing this truth:
God fulfills promises.
Even when we cannot muster belief:
God is faithful still.
Let us worship God together.

+Hymn 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS EFFREUEN
Vs. 1, 4 & 6

Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you always draw wide the circle of your love, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, yet we fail to believe this truth. We are quick judge others. We have not offered steadfast love to you or our neighbors. We have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us and transform our hearts, that we might follow your path, loving as you love. Amen.

Kyrie



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

Cantor to sing first. Congregation 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

Anthem "Canticle of Hope" Joseph Martin
The Chancel Choir

Moment with Children Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*
children four to second grade may depart for Kids Worship

Baptism (11:10) Margaret Jenkins Strickland, Daughter of Jeremy and Morgan Strickland

Hymn 482 (11:10) "Baptized in Water"
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	“Spirit of the Living God” Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.	LIVING GOD
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 9:18-26 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Touch of Faith Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor for Congregational Care</i>	
+Hymn 302	“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace” Vs. 1, 3 & 5	O WALY WALY

Responding

+Affirmation of Faith	From A Brief Statement of Faith 11.3 We trust in God, who Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hid from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.	
+Gloria	“Gloria Patri” 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		Austin Vernon, <i>Director of Discipleship and Missions</i>
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		
Offertory	“Jesus Be With Us” Small Ensemble	arr. Phillip Morgan
+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
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	(9:00) Amelia Kirkland (11:10) Don Power	

Departing

+Hymn 757	“Today We Are Called to Be Disciples”	KINGSFOLD
Benediction		
Choral Response	“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”	LUTKIN
	A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.	
Postlude	“Praise!” Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	Dennis Eliot

Announcements

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God given by Angela Zumwalt in memory of Robert (Bob) Zumwalt, on the occasion of his birthday (June 15). He would be so proud of all that Brownson represents and strives to achieve.

Children: All VBS volunteers need to attend lunch and a meeting 12:30-2:30 PM today! Thank you to all of the youth who are volunteering for VBS.

Youth: We are going to Carowinds on Saturday, June 17! Registration and money for Carowinds are due on Sunday. See Erin for more info. All VBS youth volunteers need to attend lunch and a meeting at 12:30 PM on Sunday, June 11. See you there!

Local Mission Meet & Greet: Join us during *Higher Grounds* today, our Local Missions guest will be Denise Murchison, Volunteer Coordinator of The Food Bank.

Ecumenical Pentecost Service tonight at the Southern Pines Pool Park at 5 PM (735 S Stephens St), Brownson and other local churches are hosting an ecumenical Pentecost Service. Join us as we live into our calling as one people unified and sent out in Christ's name! Please bring your own chair for seating.

Brownson Church Retreat - Mark your calendar for our Brownson Church Retreat - September 22 - 24, 2023. It's a great time of faith, fun, and fellowship at Caraway Conference Center, only one hour from Brownson! We hope you'll add it to your calendar and plan to join us! Register here: brownsonchurch.org/registration or by using the QR code.



SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

10 AM

In-Person & Online
June 18-September 3

9-10 AM—Higher Grounds &
Adult Classes

9:30-10 AM All God's People
Connect Group



Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Justine Ostlund (MRH), Elaine Baillie (RHC)

Ways to Give

Thank you for supporting the mission of Brownson Church. Your gift has an immediate impact on the work of ministry through our mission and values and the work we do across Moore County and beyond! To give today, you may do so through the envelopes in the pews, through the **Give** tab on our website, or by using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION:

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

NEW DROP OFF LOCATION: Two locations, Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive-Thru - Taylortown.

Contact: Jan Lindstrom, mjlindstrom75@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- No June volunteer day. Sign up for July 11 and August 8, 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Bob McCall, rdm36@charter.net

C.A.R.E. GROUP

Help pre-K to age 8 children choose a free book, hand out parent info & snack at Southern Pines Pool Park the week of July 17-22. To sign up for a shift (12-2:15 and/or 2:15-4:30) call Nancy Bryant, 910-692-5954, or nancy@mcliteracy.org; tell her you're from Brownson.

Adults

SUNDAY MORNING CONNECT GROUPS

The Living Word Today (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM. Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

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

Donuts and Devotionals – Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C at 10 AM on Sunday mornings as we discuss some of the most important stories in the New Testament.

All God's People—Beginning June 18: This connect group will explore an intergenerational devotional that is suitable for people of all ages. Kids, youth, and adults are invited to join us for this time of learning and fellowship. Grab some coffee and donuts and join us in Conference Room C at 9:30 AM! Led by Kelli Garbett, Erin Pollock, and Austin Vernon.

MID-WEEK ADULT STUDIES

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

Theology on Tap—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Table on the Green at 6 PM.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9:00 Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Bill Zell, Stu White, Marjorie Heffner

11:10 Head Usher: Don Power, Joan Power, Frank Dean, Alex Bowness, Jim & Linda Webb