

BROWNSON

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

April 30, 2023

Confirmation



SUNDAY

2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom
Charlene Kinelski | Chris Jordan | David McNeill | David Wood | Dixie Parks | Don Branch | Don Power | John Bullard
Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Larry Riggan | Lee Pittman | Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Ciccone
Sara Conti | Sara James | Scout Cain (Y) | Wesley Little (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

John Tyson—director of music ministries

Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

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Sunday Worship | 9:00 & 11:10 AM

Livestream | 11:10 AM



Gathering

Prelude

"Three Quiet Preludes"

Gilbert Martin

David Jesse | Organ

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 to worship the risen Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Son of God!
 Alleluia, praise to Christ, our redeemer!
Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!
 Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!
Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

+Hymn 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
 Versus 1, 3 & 4

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. 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

Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*
 Children four to second grade may depart for Kids worship

Song of Illumination

"Spirit of the Living God"

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.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-25
 Matthew 26:36-44
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Life in the Spirit-Intentional Listening; Austin Vernon, Director of Discipleship & Missions

Special Music

"Speak Lord, in the Stillness"
 The Chancel Choir

David Schwoebel

Introduction of Confirmands & Covenant Partners (11:10)

Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

John Depenbrock—Austin Vernon | Ella Hall—Missy Quis | Martha Anne Harris—Anna Hage

Luke Markotich—Ryan Ciccone | Maggie Neller—Allison Harris

Questions of Confirmands

Prayer and Welcome

If you have been confirmed at Brownson or served as a confirmation partner, please come forward for the prayer.

Litany for Confirmands

We have a vision of deepening the discipleship and investing in the next for our young people in the church!

Where each young person is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and is helped to grow in faith;

Where youth and adults, together as partners, create a community which celebrates diversity and cherishes each other’s gifts,

Where young people are challenged and enabled to respond to God’s call to wholeness in their lives and in the world, and

Where young people discover and claim over and over again the Good News of God’s redeeming and sustaining love.

We offer our commitment to you, to walk with you, in this journey of faith and discipleship.

Let us now join together in one voice, as a missional community, as we affirm our faith together.

Responding

+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”

GREATOREX

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

Rev. 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

Offertory

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

arr. Marilyn Ham

David Jesse | Piano

+Presentation of Gifts

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(9:00) Kathy McPherson (11:10) Amelia Kirkland

Departing

+Hymn 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

Versus 1, 2, 3 & 5

Benediction

+Choral Response

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Akers

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

Postlude

“Great Is Thy Thankfulness”

arr. Dan Miller

David Jesse, Organ

Announcements

Thank you, **David Jesse**, for serving as our interim organist. We wish you the best as you embark on your Masters in Piano Performance at Boston University. We wish you well!

PW Gathering.—Monday, May 15 at 11 AM Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the presentation of the Honorary Life Membership Award and installation of PW leaders for 2023–24. Light refreshments and fellowship start at 10:30.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, May 21 immediately following the 11:10 AM service.** The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the 2023 Nominating Committee and to install Elder David Wood.

Concerts @ Brownson

Sunday, May 21 @ 7pm-

Faure's Requiem featuring choir members from Brownson, Community Congregational Church, Culdee Presbyterian Church, and Southern Pines United Methodist Church. Orchestra members from around the state of North Carolina.

Friday, June 2 @7pm-

A Celebration of Brahms' Chamber Music

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! Registration opens tomorrow, May 1, so we hope you'll add it to your calendar and plan to join us! Register by visiting brownsonchurch.org/registration or using this QR code.



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.

MOTHERS DAY DIAPER DRIVE: Sizes 4 and 5)

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

THE FOOD BANK

- Second Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Bob McCall, rdm36@charter.net

BROWNSON BUDDIES

Join us for after school homework help one day/week at Southern Pines Elementary, assisting 4th-graders with basic math and reading. To sign up, contact Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org. Please go on-line and register to volunteer at sandhillshabitat.volunteerhub.com.

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children
- Dates: May 22-25
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com

CONNECT @ BROWNSON

YOUTH

Tonight we're doing a Pop Tarts Bracket Challenge and working on Youth Sunday 5-7 PM. Final payments for summer trips are due May 1. All rising 6th graders are invited to join us for a youth group welcome on May 7, 4-5 PM in the youth suite! All youth are invited to participate in Youth Sunday and will need to be there for both services on May 14.

CHILDREN

After such a fun Lock-in last night (hence why you see kiddos in jammies), we do not have Kids Programs tonight. Please join us next week, May 7, for our Kids Connect Scavenger Hunt at 5:00.

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Bob Gordon (MRH)

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9:00 — Head Usher: Jim Webb, Bob & Peggy Flygar, Mark & Jan Lindstrom, Linda Webb

11:10 — Ushers: Ryan Ciccone, Bill Berger, Sara James, Don & Brenda Hiscott

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.

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.

Women—Bible study is offered through six different Circles. For information, contact Membership Leader Nancy Ahlfeld at 910.235.4646 or visit brownsonchurch.org/pw.