

BROWNSON

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

September 7, 2025



2025 Session of Brownson

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Rev. John Hage—senior pastor
Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection
Rev. Austin Vernon—associate pastor for discipleship and missions
Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families
Erin Pollock—director of youth and their families
Amy Shortt—director of music ministries and organist

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 10 AM
Livestream | 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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Brent Olstad
Scott Tortora, saxophone | Amy Shortt, piano

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

News of the Church Alive Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Hear, O people of God: the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
We will love the Lord our God with all our heart.
We will keep God's word close—in our homes, in our work, in our lives.
Together, we come to worship with all our heart.

+Hymn 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA
Stanza 1 - Women
Stanza 2 - Men
Stanza 3 - Balcony Worshipers
Stanza 4 - All

Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession Holy God, you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, and strength, yet we confess that our hearts are often divided. We chase after lesser loves, hold back our trust, and let fear guide our steps. Forgive us, Lord. Draw us back to you, that we may love you wholeheartedly and live as your faithful people. Amen.

Kyrie



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

Solo *A Living Prayer* Ron Block
Janie Monroe, youth soloist

Moment with Children Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children 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.

Song of Illumination *Take, O Take Me as I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
Congregation to join on repeat.

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 6:4–9 Holy Bible, page 162-163
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon	With All Your Heart	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Anthem	<i>If You Search With All Your Heart</i> The Chancel Choir	arr. Craig Courtney

Responding

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus (Hymn 559)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of the Elements

As you are passing the plate, please say this to your neighbor:
The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Brent Olstad

Scott Tortora, saxophone; Amy Shortt, 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

Luke Markotich

Departing

+Hymn 515

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

+Benediction

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

+Choral Response

Go Ye Now In Peace

Joyce Eilers

The Chancel Choir

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the service today. Please remain seated.

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

Postlude

Postlude in C
Amy Shortt, organ

Eugene Thayer arr. Callahan

Announcements

Congregational Meeting—Today: There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following 10 AM worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Elder Class of 2028.

Church Family Meal: Join us **today** for our annual Church Picnic and Family Meal in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the meal and no need to register.

Two Services Resume — Sunday, September 14, 2025

Traditional Service Hours

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM. Livestream at 11:10 AM

Higher Grounds and Brownson Connect Groups 10 AM

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts: Brownson Church sponsors both Scout Troop 223 and Cub Scout Pack 73. Boys and Girls age 6th grade and up meet on Wednesday's year around in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8 PM. Contact: Brian Platt (brianjplatt@gmail.com). Boys and girls ages Kindergarten through 5th grade meet on Mondays beginning **September 8 from 6-7 PM**. Contact Heather Narvaes (hnnarvaes@gmail.com).

Stephen Ministry Information Session—Sunday, September 14, immediately following the 11:10 AM service, in the Cornerstone Conference Room. Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve others and make a difference within our congregation and community? We invite you to attend a special Stephen Ministry information session. Lunch will be provided. To register or for questions, contact Jeff Ward at Jeffrey.ward3@gmail.com. Please register by September 10.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering—Monday, September 15, in Fellowship Hall, social time at 9:30 AM with Presentation at 10 AM. Presentation by Dr. Sheryl Brownlee, Assistant Director of Volunteer Services at First Health of the Carolinas.

Engaged Brains Training – Please join Cheryl McNeil as she prepares us to connect and care for those experiencing brain changes. We will discover simple skills to help us better connect and build relationships, reframe and recognize abilities of our members, practice positive approaches, examine resources and explore various activities matching our members' abilities and interests. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025**, from 2-4 PM in Conference Room A.

New Member Meet & Greet—Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 10:15 AM in the Parlor. Join us to learn more about becoming a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Music Notes

We welcome local guest musician, Scott Tortora, to Brownson. Scott is well known in the Sandhills music scene, playing in many ensembles including the Sandhills Community College Jazz Band. Thank you, Scott, for sharing your talents with us. We are also grateful for Brownson youth soloist, Janie Monroe, who will share her talents with us this morning, reminding us to live out the gospel in our daily lives.

Chancel Choir rehearsals kick off on **Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM**. Brownson Handbell Choir will also kick off at **5:45 PM on Wednesday**. Singers and Ringers of all ages are welcome! Happiness is singing (and ringing!) in the choir! For more details, contact Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, at music@brownsonchurch.org. Children's Choir will kick off on Sunday evenings at 5 PM during the month of October! Stay tuned for exciting news to come!

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION

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

DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex

Questions? Contact Caryl Schunk, cschunk@guilford.edu.

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children. Volunteers needed for providing dinners and overnight hosts.
- Dates: September 15—18, 2025
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com.

NORTHERN MOORE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Brownson is hosting its second annual summer shoe drive for the children at Northern Moore Family Resource Center. Please consider donating new shoes for children in grades K-12 to the collection bins located in the atrium. Our goal this year is 130 pairs of shoes! Deadline is September 30, 2025.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

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 and YOUTH

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children 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 9 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 9 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 9 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

Kids Connect kickoff is today. All children (grades K – 5) and their families are invited to the kickoff from 5 – 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided.

Reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org with any questions.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group kickoff is today! All youth (grades 6-12) and their parents are invited to the kickoff 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Dinner provided.

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

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

The Brownson Men's and PW Groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

PW 6 – Monday, September 8, 10 AM, Conference Room B, Led by Libby Marsh.

PW 3 – Monday, September 8, 11 AM, Conference Room C, Led by Sandra Olbon.

PW 2 – Tuesday, September 9, 10 AM, Conference Room C, Led by Elaine Sills.

Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study: Wednesday, September 10, 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of beloved Joan Power by her husband, Don, of 58 years.

Hospital/Rehab: Milton Sills (MRH), Marjorie Heffner (MRH)

Celebration: We share in the joy with Mark and Laura Staal upon the marriage of their daughter, Annelle Staal and Ben Youngblood. They were married in Spring Lake, MI on August 15, 2025.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Bonnie Quesenberry will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, September 13, at 11 AM, with a reception, hosted by Martha's Friends, immediately following.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Chris & Kelley Kibler, Bill Zell.