

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

July 5, 2026



*Matthew's Mosaic:
Exploring the Complexity of Christ in Matthew's Gospel*

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
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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 | 10:30 AM

Livestream | 10:30 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

*Prelude on LAND OF REST*arr. Lasky
Amy Shortt, organ

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*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
 Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
 For the Lord is our God, the one head of the church, the one Lord of our lives.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

+Hymn 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

Kyrie



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

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 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 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,
 And all these things shall be added unto you..
 Allelu, alleluia!**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 11:16–19; 25-30

Holy Bible, page 889

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus, the Prophet

Rev. Dr. David Helms

+Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Stanza 1 – All | 2 – solo, Caragh Garry | 3 –All

Responding

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Rev. Dr. David Helms

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.

(All bread served today is Gluten-Free)

(If you have difficulty passing the plate, please raise your hand when an elder comes to serve your pew, and they will bring the elements directly to you)

Musical Meditation

American Tune

Paul Simon

Amy Shortt, soloist

Invitation to the Offering

+Offertory Anthem

America the Beautiful

Samual A. Ward arr. Wertsch

The Brownson Summer Choir

+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

Donna Chapin

Departing

+Hymn

This Land Is Your Land

Woody Guthrie

All join on refrain:

This Land is your land, this land is my land,

From California, to the New York Island,

From the redwood forests, to the Gulf Stream waters,

This land was made for you and me.

+Benediction

+Choral Response

Day by Day, Dear Lord

arr. Friedell

Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:

To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly,

Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

Postlude

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa
Amy Shortt and Kelli Garbett, piano

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

Announcements

Matthew Bible Study – The Wednesday Bible Study on the Book of Matthew has concluded, and a new study on the Book of Mark will begin in September. Please be on the lookout for more information later in the summer. Contact Alice Harrington (aherrington7@gmail.com)

Note for Families - At Brownson, we believe that *to wiggle is to worship!* Children are a joyful and important part of our life together, and we welcome them fully in worship- wiggles, movement, noise, and simply being the children they were created to be. We invite you to relax and feel at home as it's a joy to worship God together!

Summer Giving - As you travel this summer, please consider continuing your giving while you are away. We tend to see a decline in giving, while our expenses remain the same. You can do this through our website: brownsonchurch.org/give and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



Welcome Rev. Dr. David Helms: David served First Baptist Church Southern Pines from 1983-1998 as Associate Pastor and from 1998-2023 as Senior Minister. He is married to Carolyn Dalton Helms, and they have an adult son, Eric. David is a graduate of East Carolina University, (BA, English), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, (M. Div.) and Princeton Theological Seminary, (D. Min). He taught practical theology at Campbell University Divinity School for 12 years. David enjoys spending time with family, playing tennis, reading, and traveling.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 6 in observance of the 4th of July holiday.



5th Annual Church Retreat- All are invited to join us for the Brownson Church Retreat Nov. 13-15 at Caraway Conference Center. The theme for this year's retreat is "**Bind Us Together**" and will be woven through preaching, discussion, music, recreation, fellowship and creative offerings. We also welcome back Rev. Ernie Thompson as the retreat speaker. Rev. Thompson is a retired PC(USA) pastor who served congregations in Greensboro and Wilmington during his ministry. ALL ARE WELCOME! Registration is open and can be found on the Brownson website. Any questions can be brought to Kelli Garbett or Erin Pollock.



Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 10:30 AM service, 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 9:30 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 854-5041-3352 Passcode: 552470

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 9:30 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium beginning at 9:15 AM. The last day of Higher Grounds for the summer will be July 12.

Music Notes

Paul Simon wrote "American Tune" in 1973, during a time of great political and social upheaval in the United States. The song's melody is based on J. S. Bach's tune used in the hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" which we often sing during the season of Lent.

Everyone is invited to sing in Summer Choir during the months of June and July! Rehearsal begins in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. No prior experience necessary. All are welcome! Come and lead with us in worship. Childcare is available in the educational building starting at 9:15 AM.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:
(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Don Power, Anita Emery, Chan Roberts, Alex Bowness, Susan Bowness, Cindi Hamilton

Prayers and Praise

Christian Sympathy to Don Branch upon the death of his mother, Anne Aldridge Branch, on July 1, 2026.