

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

April 19, 2026

90 Years ANNIVERSARY

*Remembering with Gratitude,
Moving Forward in Faith*

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 3

One Service @ 10:30

All Church Picture

Church Family Meal



Original Work by Shirley McIver

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 | 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 or phone number as we would love to connect with you. Please write legibly.

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Kaplan
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. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*
Minute for Mission Gail Cameron

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship (9 AM) Linda Webb (11:10 AM) Barbara Gaylord

We gather today, aware of our weariness. We are wanderers and seekers, longing for a place where we are home.

We gather, moved by the stories of Ruth and Naomi and finding our own stories in their journeys of loss, wondering, and redemption.

We gather before our God of creation, whose love defies all human borders, limitations and biases.

We gather to worship in the promise of redemption.

Let us lift our voices to the one who lifts us from the margins, emboldening us to be ambassadors of hope in this world; to the one who prepares a home and place for us at the table. Amen.

+Hymn 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA
Stanzas 1 – Women | 2 – Men | 3 – Ministers, Choir and Staff | 4 – All

Confessing

Call to Confession (9 AM) Kathy McPherson (11:10 AM) Cynthia Strickland

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we acknowledge that we often ignore the cries of voices around us. We close our hearts and eyes to the pain of others. We feel exhausted and we disregard those who do not feel welcomed in our midst. Forgive us. Help us to be like Ruth, open to bonds beyond blood; to be like Naomi, determined and wise; to be like Boaz, compassionate and just. May we lean into our call to embrace the most vulnerable among us. We pray this in the name of the one whose life embodied this commitment, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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 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

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.

Introduction to Ruth		(9 AM) Jane Howard (11:10 AM) Patricia Smith
Interpretation from Book of Ruth		Janee Cates and Gracyn Myrick
Solo	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i> Pam Zell, soprano	Theme from Vicar of Dibley arr. Goodall
Reflection		Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Solo	<i>What Wondrous Love is This?</i> Pam Zell, soprano	AMERICAN FOLK HYMN arr. Wells

Responding

According to the PCUSA Book of Order, the Affirmation of Faith is a response to the Word proclaimed that affirms our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith can be drawn from a variety of sources, including Scripture, creeds, confession, catechisms, hymns, or personal testimony.

+Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	(9 AM) Millie Mills (11:10 AM) Sandra Olbon
	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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate 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.	
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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem	<i>O Love</i> The Chancel Choir	arr. Elaine Hangenberg
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+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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 AM) Cathy Roofe (11:10 AM) Farra Wilson
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Departing

+Hymn 315	<i>In the Midst of New Dimensions</i> Stanzas 1—4	NEW DIMENSIONS
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+Benediction

+Choral Benediction	<i>Peace</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	a Shaker Tune arr. K. Siegfried
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Closing Music		Amy Shortt, organ
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(11:10 AM) A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the service today. Please remain seated.

Announcements

Matthew Bible Study – Join us for the Book of Matthew Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. If you have questions or need information, please contact Alice Herrington (aherrington7@gmail.com) or Bill Berger (bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com).

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Gifts of Women Sunday– Please join Presbyterian Women for cake in the Atrium after the 11:10 AM service and learn how you can become a part of this vital ministry.

Congregational Meeting TODAY- immediately following the 11:10 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the 2026 Nominating Committee.

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 23 from 1 –6PM in Fellowship Hall. Help save lives during a time of critical need — donate blood at our upcoming drive and make a life-changing difference today! To sign up, please use the QR code to the right or www.redcrossblood.org. Type in Zip Code. Click on Make an Appointment. Scroll down to Brownson's schedule.



Youth Sunday- On Sunday, April 26 the youth of Brownson will be leading worship in both services, preaching, reading, and making music. Please join us as we celebrate what the youth have learned this year.

You're Invited: Brownson Church 90th Anniversary Celebration May 3, 2026

10:30 AM – One All-Together Worship Service—We will gather as one church family for a special intergenerational service celebrating the generations who have shaped Brownson's life and ministry.

Church Family Photo— Immediately following worship, we will take a church-wide family picture to commemorate this special anniversary year.

Church Family Celebration Meal—After the photo, everyone is invited to enjoy a festive meal together. The menu will include:

- Classic barbecue with all of the southern sides
- Gluten-free grilled chicken
- Green salad
- Dessert

There is **no cost to attend and no need to RSVP**, no need to bring anything, and all are welcome. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate the many ways God has worked through Brownson over the past ninety years.

Whether you have been part of Brownson for decades or are newer to our community, **you are an important part of this story**. We hope you will join us for this meaningful day of worship, gratitude, and fellowship.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, 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 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o'clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

Kindergarten Milestones (God Is...) begin this morning at 10:15. Kids Connect meets tonight at 5 PM for our Downtown Scavenger hunt.

If you have any questions about children's programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

All youth are encouraged to be at youth group tonight 5-7 PM as we prepare for Youth Sunday! High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you would like more information about Brownson Youth please contact Erin: youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

The Brownson's Men's Groups, Mom's Group and Presbyterian Women invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are courtesy of Presbyterian Women, dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of the women of Brownson. Floral design by the Flower Ministry.

Celebration: Kim Collins and Stafford Cathell were married on April 4, 2026.

Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Joyce Stutts will be held at Brownson Memorial on April 29, 2026 at 11 AM. A reception served by Martha's Friends will follow after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Trish Harris, Linda Bryant, Laura Staal, Courtney Howell, Mary Hamlin, Libby Marsh, Ruth Burgin.

(11:10 AM) Ellie Collins, Billie McCaskill, Judy Oldham, Mandy Berg, Bonnie Berger, Cindi Hamilton, Hope Dugenske.

Ways to Serve | Local Missions

SANDHILLS COALITION

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

DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex

Contact Caryl Schunk, cschunk@guilford.edu