

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*

## September 1, 2024



### 2024 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton  
Betsy Robinson | Beverley Pellom | Bill Berger | David McNeill | David Malan | David Wood | Don Branch  
Jane Howard | John Bullard | Kara Vonderkall | Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Lee Pittman  
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Morrison | Sara James | Dixon Ciccone (Y) | Arianne Monroe (Y)

**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

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Sunday Worship | 10 AM

Livestream | 10 AM



## Gathering

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*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** "Communion Hymn Suite" Richard Warner  
Diana Kirkpatrick, 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

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**+Call to Worship** Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
**We will praise the Lord as long as we live;**  
**we will sing praises to our God while we have our being.**  
Blessed are they who have the God of Jacob for their help;  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**  
who keeps faith forever! Praise the Lord!  
**The Lord's name be praised!**

**+Hymn 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Dix

## Confessing

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**Call to Confession**  
**Prayer of Confession**

God of justice and righteousness, your call beckons to us: to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways; yet it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love, change our hearts, that we might faithfully serve you. 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

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**Moment with Children**

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

Children age four to third 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.**

**Scripture Lesson**

James 1:17-27

Holy Bible, page 1102

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon	Learning to Listen	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 693	"Though I May Speak"	GIFT OF LOVE

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## 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.*

Please speak these words to your neighbor as you pass the communion elements.

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Come to the Water"

arr. Foley

The Chancel 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

Alex Bowness

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## Departing

+Hymn 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

+Benediction

+Congregational Response

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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

Postlude

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Gerhard Krapf

Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

## Announcements

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 2. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3.

**Two services resume Sunday, September 8**—Traditional Service Hours Worship at 9 AM & 11:10 AM. Livestream 11:10 AM  
Higher Grounds and Brownson Connect Groups 10 AM



**Congregational Meeting—Sunday, September 15** immediately following the 11:10 AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Elder Class of 2027.

**New Member Meet + Greet: Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 10:15 AM** in the Cornerstone Conference Room. Meet Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth Dool in the Atrium and we will walk over to the conference room. Join us to learn more about becoming a member of our vibrant and growing church.

The American tradition of **Kirkin' of the Tartans** was initiated by Rev. Peter Marshall at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C and will be part of the service on **Sunday, September 15 at 11:10 AM**. During WWII. Rev. Marshall was a Scot and used the Kirkin' to raise funds for the British war effort. The St. Andrew's Society of Washington D.C. conducted the Kirkin' which is now held annually at the National Cathedral. Thanks to the St. Andrew's Society of NC for conducting our service.

## Music Notes

The new and exciting **Brownson's Children's Choir**, open to all children grades K-5, will kick off this fall! Registration and more information will be available in the narthex and at Higher Grounds on Kick-Off Sunday, September 8. Rehearsals, **beginning September 15**, will be held on Sundays at 10:15 AM around the stage in Fellowship Hall.

The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 PM in the Music Suite**. If you haven't sung in a while or have always wanted to sing in a choir, now is the time! Each person is valuable to the ensemble and that includes YOU! For more information on these and other ways you can become a part of Brownson's Church's music ministries, contact Amy Shortt at [music@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:music@brownsonchurch.org).

## Ways to Serve | Local Missions

### SANDHILLS COALITION

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

DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex

Contact Rev. Austin Vernon, [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org)

### NORTH MOORE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

**SHOE DRIVE**—Local Missions is collecting new gym shoes, sizes kindergarten thru adult, for NMFRS for the students in North Moore County! When out shopping, please consider buying some extra shoes. There will be a collection box in the narthex throughout August and September! Our goal is to collect 100 pairs of shoes.

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

During worship service, there is a full service nursery for kids 3 and under. Loving staff 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 to Kid's Worship after Moment with the Children in the 10 AM service. 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 pew.

### ADULT GROUPS

**The Living Word Today**—Non-partisan current events are discussed each Sunday morning using *The Wired Word* curriculum with Biblical references. Join us in Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com using 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 10 AM.

**Donuts and Devotionals**—Resumes September 8 at 10:15 AM in Conference Room C. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

**Women of the Way**—Resumes September 15 at 10 AM in the Library on the 2nd Floor in the Cornerstone Building. Led by Alice Herrington.

## Kids & Youth Connect Groups

### KIDS CONNECT

Kids Connect will kickoff on Sunday, **September 8**. All children grades K-5 AND their parents are invited to join us beginning at 5 PM in **Fellowship Hall**. We'll start with dinner together, then the kids will play games while the parents have an informational meeting to go over dates, paperwork, and more.

**Children's Choir** (Grades K - 5) and Devotion will be kicking off in September. See the Music Notes for registration and rehearsal schedule.

Please reach out to Kelli at [children@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:children@brownsonchurch.org) with any questions.

### YOUTH CONNECT

Youth Group will kickoff on **Sunday, September 8**. All youth grades 6-12 AND their parents are invited to join us **5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall**. We'll start with dinner all together, then the youth will play Olympic style games while the parents have an informational meeting to go over dates, paperwork, and more.

On **September 8** middle school Bible study will start at **10:15 AM in the Youth Suite**. Grab a donut and look for Erin!

High school Bible study starts on **September 19 7:30-8:15 AM** at PineScone, Southern Pines.

Please reach out to Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org) with any questions! We can't wait to get started up again!

## Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

**Men's Theology on Tap** on Wednesday, September 4, at 6 PM at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

**PW Circle 4** – Thursday, September 5, 10:15 AM, Conference Room C, Led by Kathy McPherson.

## Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:**

Head Usher: Rick Burgin, Ruth Burgin, Frank Quis, Steve & Debbie Brooks, Don & Shirley Rufty