

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ



HE IS RISEN
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday—April 5, 2026

2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
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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 | 9 & 11:10 AM

Livestream | 11:10 AM

Paschal Candle Prayer

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

O God, through Christ your light shines in the darkness. Living God, through Jesus Christ you overcame the power of death and gave us the gift of life and light. Now on this Easter morning, fill us with the breath of your Spirit to tell the good news of the gospel that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

He is Risen! **He is Risen, indeed!**
He is Risen! **He is Risen, indeed!**
He is Risen! **He is Risen, indeed!**

+Fanfare and Hymn for Easter Morning

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Paul Sjolund

ALL: **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply. Alleluia!**

Women: **Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!**

ALL: **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

+Prayer of Praise

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

We praise you Living God: on the first day of the week, you brought to birth a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We praise you Risen Christ: you fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so we may share your liberating, life-giving power with all the world.

We praise you Holy Spirit: you breathe truth that awakens us to see, tell and believe the good news. Glory to you, Triune God, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Passing of the Peace—The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

+Hymn *Thine Be the Glory* George Frideric Handel | arr. Wright

ALL: **Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy
body lay.**

REFRAIN: **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

ALL: **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our
strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through
Jordan to thy home above.**

REFRAIN: **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Children are invited forward

A Moment With Our Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

We have a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the Parlor. All children, age 4 and older, are invited to stay in worship today as we celebrate together Jesus' resurrection.

Activities to keep their little hands busy are available in the Narthex during both services.

+Please Stand, if you are able

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

Genesis 3:9

Holy Bible, page 3

John 20:11-18

Holy Bible, page 991

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Coming Home

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Anthem

All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia

Saint Augustine | James Whitbourn

The Chancel Choir

All shall be Amen and Alleluia!

We shall rest and we shall see. We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love.

We shall love and we shall praise. Behold our end which is no end.

All shall be Amen and Alleluia!

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

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

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Offertory

Now Christ Is Risen

JS Bach

Liz Cox, soprano | Erin Pollock and Erin Sheppard, mezzo-soprano

Now Christ is risen, Alleluia!

He over came death and the grave;

Now Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sing unto God for His wonderful gift;

Jesus Christ, the King of glory is risen, is risen from death in victory.

Now Christ is the first fruits of them that slept.

In Christ shall all be made alive.

And sorrow and sighing and weeping shall flee away, shall flee away.

+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) Bob Friesen (11:10) Donna Chapin

+Hymn

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Cherwien

ALL:

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;

May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.

Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.

CHOIR:

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.

Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.

CHOIR:

Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;

Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.

Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.

ALL:

Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;

Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.

Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.

Charge and Benediction

You are invited to join the choir in the choir loft to sing the Hallelujah Chorus

+Choral Response *Hallelujah from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

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

Please take a daisy when you depart and place it on the cross outside.

After the 11:10 AM service, if you dedicated a lily, please take one with you today.

Flowers donated today are In Honor or In Memory of:

In Memory of:

- ◆ In Memory of Lt. Col. Richard Metro, given by Lisa, William, Allyson, Warren and Beth Metro.
- ◆ In Memory of Rosemarie Cooper and Belinda McNeill, given by Barden, Summer and Rosemarie Berry.
- ◆ In Memory of Joanne Hodge Greer, given by John Greer.
- ◆ In Memory of Al and Dolle Eidam and Al III, given by Barbara Eidam.
- ◆ In Memory of Bill and Rosalie Freeman, given by Barbara Eidam.
- ◆ In Memory of my beloved husband, James Kennedy, given by Billie Kennedy.
- ◆ In Memory of Ben E. Jordan, Jr., given by Ellen Jordan.
- ◆ In Memory of Tom Marsh and our Parents, given by Libby Marsh.
- ◆ In Memory of Con and Sarah Welborn, given by Frank Dean.
- ◆ In Memory of Ray Kirkland and Wayne White, given by Patrick and Amelia Kirkland.
- ◆ In Memory of Grace Howell, given by Lana Rebert.
- ◆ In Memory of our Parents and loved ones, given by Tom and Claire Nacca.
- ◆ In Memory of the Honorable Jack W. Smith, given by Patricia A. Smith.
- ◆ In Memory of Bob Everett, given by Barbara Eldredge-Everett.

In Honor of:

- ◆ In Honor of Kate De Whatley, given by Jac and Kathy Whatley.
- ◆ In Honor of Frank and Glynda Dean, given by Frank Dean.
- ◆ In Honor of my Brother, George Pine III, given by Lucy Pine Roberts.
- ◆ In Honor of William B. Kirby, given by Virginia Oliver.
- ◆ In Honor of Mike Conry, given by Scott and Jody Halso.

In Memory of:

- ◆ In Memory of my parents, Jane Ann and George Pine, given by Lucy Pine Roberts.
- ◆ In Memory of Faye H. Riddle, given by F. Clavin Riddle, Jr.
- ◆ In Memory of Henry and Lucille DePaul, given by Peggy and Bob Flygar
- ◆ In Memory of Robert and Leora Flygar, given by Peggy and Bob Flygar.
- ◆ In Memory of our Parents and Grandparents, given by Cynthia and John Strickland.
- ◆ In Memory of Nancy P. Hage, given by Lisa and Allan Beck.
- ◆ In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William F. McLester, given by Virginia McLester Oliver.
- ◆ In Memory of Marian McNeill McMillian Kirby, given by William B. Kirby
- ◆ In Memory of my Parents, Betty and Harvey Hamilton, Jr., given by Cindi B. Hamilton.
- ◆ In Memory of Andrew and Joel, given by Pat and Clark Groseth.
- ◆ In Memory of Richard (Bob) Zumwalt, given by Angela North Zumwalt.
- ◆ In Memory of Andrew Robinson, given by Wendy Preble.
- ◆ In Memory of Ree Hard Singer, given by Robert L. Singer.
- ◆ In Memory of Jean Conry, given by Scott and Jody Halso.

In Honor of:

- ◆ In Honor of our Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren, given by Pat and Clark Groseth.
- ◆ In Honor and Appreciation of Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, given by Cindi B. Hamilton.
- ◆ In Honor and Appreciation of Amy Shortt and the wonderful choir, given by Cindi B. Hamilton.
- ◆ In Honor of Kathy Newton, given by an anonymous donor.



Brownson Youth welcomes you!

If you are in grades 6-12, you are invited to be a part of Brownson Youth. Youth group on Sundays from 5-7 PM in the Youth Suite. Join us for dinner, games, Bible lessons, discussion, fun and fellowship!

High School Bible Study meets at PineScone Southern Pines on Thursday mornings, 7:30-8:15 AM. For more information, please contact Erin Pollock, Director of Youth and their Families: youth@brownsonchurch.org.



Brownson Kids welcomes you!

Brownson Kids participate in Kids Worship each Sunday during the 9 and 11:10 AM services. This is worship just for kids!

During the 10 AM hour, there are a variety of offerings, from Milestones Programs by grade level, to 4th Sundays with Little Friends!

Kids Connect, grades K-5, meets every Sunday evening from 5 – 6:45 PM for food, fun, fellowship, and faith formation.

This summer, we would love for you to join us for VBS – June 22 – 25 from 9 – 12 PM each day. We'll be exploring the nature of God, alongside the animals and new friends!

For more information, please contact Kelli, Director of Children and their Families at children@brownsonchurch.org.



Brownson Music—We are grateful for the many talented people who make up our Brownson church family. Whether you sing, play an instrument, ring bells, or have other creative talents, there is a place for you here at Brownson to share your gifts. All ages and abilities are welcome!

The Brownson Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Music Suite and sings in worship services at 9 AM and 11:10 AM, offering a variety of styles from classical, spirituals, and composers of today. We welcome new members for the church year or Advents/Christmas or Lent/Easter seasons. Come be a part of this talented, faithful, and joyful group!

The Brownson Handbell Choir rehearses seasonally at 5:45 PM. Beginner and seasoned ringers are welcome.

The Brownson Children's Choir is open to ALL children grades K-5. The children learn vocal techniques, music reading skills, and share their joy of music as an expression of faith in our worship services.

The Brownson Youth Choir is open to ALL singers grades 6-12. The singers learn musicianship skills and to lead in worship service as an expression of their faith.

There is joy in making music together! To discover ways to share your gifts and talents with others, contact Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries at music@brownsonchurch.org.

BROWNSON connects

Brownson Connect Groups (Sundays at 10 AM)

The Ligon Bible Class – Studying *The Present Word*, join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room B. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

The Living Word Today (hybrid) – Weekly discussions are based on *The Wired Word* curriculum, which pairs current events with scriptural insights. Sunday mornings in Conference Room A or on Zoom! Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

Donuts and Devotionals – Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C at 10:15 AM to study some of the most important passages in the Bible! Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin.

ADULT MID-WEEK STUDIES

Theology on Tap - A Bible study for Brownson men that meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM at the Hickory Tavern. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast - This group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. All men of the church are welcome to join! For more information, please contact Bill Berger at bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women — Bible study is offered through six different PW Circles. For information, contact Moderator, Gail Cameron at gailcameron08@gmail.com or visit brownsonchurch.org/pw.

Mom's Group—Meets on the second Wednesday each month at 7 PM in the Youth Suite. For more information, contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

"Matthew Bible Study" - Join us for an in-depth Bible study on the Book of Matthew on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12:00 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).

BROWNSON Local Missions

There are so many ways you can serve our wider community through Brownson. If you'd like to get involved, please contact the point person for each service team or contact Rev. John Hage at john@brownsonchurch.org

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY APOSTLES BUILD

- Dates: April 10 and 11 from 8-12.
- Location: Pinebluff, NC
- Register online at sandhillshabitat.volunteerhub.com
Contact: Don Power, donc6power@gmail.com

Matthew 25 Goals – Local Missions has created a poster with thermometers, which will be used to track our Matthew 25 goals throughout the year for volunteer hours and food donations. This poster is in the hallway between the Narthex and the Atrium. Please help us reach our goals this year as we live into our calling as a Matthew 25 Church!

BROWNSON CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Our Congregational Care ministries are active in the work of caring member to member. There are so many ways to get involved in the work of caring at Brownson Church. Here are some of the ways that you can use your gifts in the work of care:

- *Delivering flowers to members through the Flower Ministry Team*
- *Visiting our homebound members through the Visitation Team*
- *Knitting or Crocheting with the Prayer Shawl Team*
- *Praying for our community with the Wednesday Prayer Team*
- *Caring for someone in need by becoming a Stephen Minister*
- *Visiting members in the hospital as a part of the Hospital Visitation Team*
- *Providing a meal for Memorial Services with Martha's Friends*
- *Welcoming New Members with the New Member Ministry*

If you feel called to serve through any of these caring ministries, please contact Congregational Care chair, Gena Smith at Eugenia@nc.rr.com.

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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.

Announcements

Kids Connect

Happy Easter! Kids Worship (9 AM and 11:10 AM) will resume next Sunday, April 12. Kids Connect (5 PM) will resume on Sunday, April 19 with our downtown scavenger hunt. If you have any questions about children's programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

Youth Connect

There is no youth group tonight and no high school Bible study this week. Happy Easter!

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. Their presence—the sounds, movement, and energy they bring—are signs of a living, growing faith community. We invite you to relax and feel at home. If your child needs to move, make a little noise, or simply be themselves, please know they are not a distraction—they are a blessing. If your child needs a little extra space, or if you need to step out to feed or care for them, you are welcome to use the parlor, where the service is live streamed. Thank you for sharing your children with us as we worship God together

Church Office Hours

The church office is closed on Monday, April 6, 2026. Normal office hours, 9 AM—4 PM, will resume on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Serving Today

9:00 AM—Head Usher: Steve Brooks, Debbie Brooks, Frank Quis, Rick and Ruth Burgin, Duck and Shirley Ruffy.

11:10 AM—Head Usher: Charles Harris, Gregg Allen, Wes Little, Sarah Garry.



Church Family Meal

We look forward to celebrating Brownson's 90th Anniversary as a church family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3 for **one** all together service at 10:30 AM, an all-church picture and family meal! More details coming soon!

Gifts of Women Sunday

Please join us to Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday on April 19. The women-led service will feature a dramatic skit, special music, and a reception in the Atrium following the 11:10 service.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 19 immediately following the 11:10 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the 2026 Nominating Committee.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets every first Wednesday at 3 PM in Conference Room C. We invite anyone who knits or crochets to join us.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, April 7 at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members

Sunday April 26, 10:15 AM, Parlor

If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. Elizabeth Doolin and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership. Grab a coffee and donut and stop by!

Instrumental Ensemble

Jonathan Freeman—Trumpet I
Adam Dickerson—Trumpet II
Bobby McFarland—Trombone I
Franklin Cole —Trombone II
Wayne Osborne—Percussion
Dr. Anne Lewis—Pianist