

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

March 10, 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 of discipleship and missions

Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families

Erin Pollock—director of youth and their families

Matt Franks—interim music director

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Sunday Worship | 9:00 & 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 print legibly.

Prelude "Love of the Father" David Paxton
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

+Call to Worship Come as you are, broken and burdened,
and find healing in God's goodness.
Come as you are, gifted and beloved,
and find purpose in God's calling.
Come as you are, weary and wary,
and find comfort in God's embrace.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and worship God with gladness.
Let us worship Almighty God.

+Hymn 761 "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" Beecher

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*
Prayer of Confession

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Forgive us when we ignore your presence: when we place our trust in things that fade away. By your grace, move us to be more faithful disciples. By your forgiveness, empower us to share forgiveness with others. 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

Anthem "Soon and Very Soon" arr. Jack Schrader
The Chancel Choir

Moment with Children Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and Their Families*
(9:00) children age four to third grade may depart for Kids Worship.
(11:10) children remain in worship with their families.
(9:00 & 11:10) 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 "Open My Eyes" OPEN MY EYES
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture Lesson	John 15:12-17 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	(9:00) Mac Sveen (11:10) Will French
Sermon	Finding Courage—Solidarity	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 300	“We Are One in the Spirit”	THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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	Apostle’s Creed	Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i>
	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	“Gloria Patri”	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. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i>	
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.	

Invitation to the Offering	Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i>	
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Offertory	“Every Eye Shall See”	William & Gloria Gaither
	Sara Conti & Erin Sheppard, altos	

+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) Kathy McPherson (11:10) David Wood	
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Departing

+Hymn 769	“For Everyone Born”	FOR EVERYONE BORN
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+Benediction

+Choral Response	“Go Ye Now In Peace”	Joyce Ellers
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Postlude	“All Glory Be to God on High”	Joseph Prentiss
	Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	

Announcements

SPE Hygiene Kits - Join us in Fellowship Hall **today at 10:15 AM**, as we assemble hygiene kits for our neighbors at Southern Pines Elementary School. This is a great intergenerational service opportunity for everyone!

Retirement Celebration for Marilyn Baxter: On **March 17 from 10-11 AM** there will be a retirement celebration for Marilyn Baxter in Fellowship Hall. Please come to wish her well on her new chapter and thank her for her 15 years of service on Brownson's staff team.

Meet and Greet, Sunday, March 17—Dan Joslin, Director of Faith Based Relations for the Sandhills Habitat for Humanity will introduce the 2024 Apostle Build in Aberdeen which Brownson is supporting April 11 – 13. Dan will be in the Atrium from 9:30-11 AM. Please stop by with your donut and coffee to sign up to volunteer and become a builder!

Join the choir during Holy Week! We welcome all voices to be part of The Chancel Choir during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 7:30 – 8:30 PM in the Choir Room. All are welcome to join the Hallelujah Chorus at our Easter Services! Contact Matt Franks at bmppcmusic@gmail.com for more information.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone, please use the yellow special offering envelope in the pew racks. Please indicate your dedication on the envelope. If you wish to donate online, go to brownsonchurch.org/give and use the drop-down menu to select Easter Flowers and notate in the memo line your flower dedication. **Deadline is 3/21.**

Season of Lent

Lenten Challenge—Commit to being in worship during Lent

During this season of Lent, we challenge you to help us bring people into the pews at Brownson Church. Invite those you miss seeing to sit with you and let them know that they are missed in worship! If you have been watching from home, or out of the habit of coming to worship in person, we invite you back! It's a great time to recommit yourself to the practice of worshipping God!

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday—March 24	9 AM —Worship 10 AM —Higher Grounds & Small Groups 11:10 AM —Worship
Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024	7 PM Tenebrae Service Livestream: https://vimeo.com/brownsonchurch
Good Friday, March 29, 2024 12 PM	Experiential Prayer Service
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024	9 AM —Worship 10 AM —Higher Grounds 11:10 AM —Worship

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Sign up to volunteer on March 19. April begins 4th Tuesday on April 23.
- Contact: Sara Conti at 937-725-3016 with any questions

2024 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY APOSTLES BUILD

Brownson will be partnering in the construction of the 2024 Apostles Build home on April 11, 12, and 13 from 8 AM – 1 PM. This year's build will be at 224 Page Cunningham Road in Aberdeen. To volunteer, go to the Habitat website at: sandhillshabitat.volunteerhub.com. Fill out the information requested and scroll down to April 11, 12, or 13 to volunteer. For any questions, contact Don Power at donc6power@gmail.com.

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: John McPhaul—Reid Heart Center

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Janet Mitchell upon her death on March 1, 2024. Service arrangements are pending.

Christian Sympathy to Crystal Blue upon the death of her father, Donald Whisnant, on March 1, 2024.

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 | YOUTH

*Children Pre-K through grade 5 will be invited from Higher Grounds at 10:15 AM to join for connect classes in the Education Building.

*Middle school youth will be invited from Higher Grounds at 10:15 AM to join Erin for connect classes in the Youth Suite.

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us in Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com using Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945. Rotating facilitators.

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 McNeill.

Donuts and Devotionals Bring your coffee and donuts and join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM as we discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

Women of the Way This women's connect group focuses on spiritual practices that encourage us to live out our faith in deeper ways. The first study will be on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. All women are invited to join the conversation. Meet in the Parlor at 10 AM. Led by Alice Herrington.

Sunday & Mid Week Kids Connect

Kids Connect meets tonight at 5 PM for a creative challenge of Cross Art. Thanks so much to our many volunteers! Brownson Little friends (Babies – PreK), we're excited to see you this Saturday, March 16, at 9:30 AM for our Easter celebration! If you are not receiving Kids emails but would like to, please contact Miss Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Sunday & Mid Week Youth Connect

Tonight for youth group (5-7 PM) we are going to walk through the story of Easter and work together to paint a mural on the youth suite wall. HS Bible Study Thursday morning 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. MS Bible Study Sunday morning 10:20 AM. For more information, email Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

PW Circle 6—Monday, March 11, at 10 AM in Conference Room B. Led by Libby Marsh.

PW Circle 3—Monday, March 11, at 12 PM in Conference Room C. Led by Sandra Olbon.

PW Circle 2—Tuesday, March 12, at 10 AM in Conference Room C. Led by Linda Bryant.

Men's Theology on Tap on Wednesday, March 13, 6 PM at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9:00 AM—Head Usher, Jim Webb with the Confirmation Class youth and their partners: Donald and Shirley Rufty, Maggie and Anderson Barry, Jan Stone, Hardin Freberg, Mac Strickland, Trent Staal

11:10 AM—Head Usher, Frank Dean with the Confirmation Class youth and their partners: Craig Pryor, Lauren Polkow, Rebekah Herring, Pearl Hage, Ann Absher, Natalie Blanton