

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*

## August 27, 2023



*Communion Chalice created by Jennifer Telles*

### 2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom  
Charlene Kinelski | Chris Jordan | David McNeill | David Wood | Dixie Parks | Don Branch | Don Power | John Bullard  
Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Larry Riggan | Lee Pittman | Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Ciccone  
Sara Conti | Sara James | Scout Cain (Y) | Wesley Little (Y)

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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  
**Matt Franks**—interim music director  
**Austin Vernon**—director of discipleship and missions

**330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387**  
**[www.brownsonchurch.org](http://www.brownsonchurch.org) — 910.692.6252**  
**Sunday Worship | 10:00 AM**  
**Livestream | 10:00 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 as we would love to connect with you.*

**Prelude** "How Great Thou Art" BURGER  
Kelli Garbett, Piano

**Ritual of Friendship** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**News of the Church Alive** Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

## The Praise of God

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**+Call to Worship** In all times and in all places, God is with us.  
**God's love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.**  
Shout for joy!  
**Let us worship almighty God!**

**+Hymn 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

## Confessing

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 four to second grade may depart for Kids Worship

**Baptism** Pierce Edmund Gallagher, Son of Clayton and Samantha Gallagher

**Hymn 482** "Baptized in Water"  
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

**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.**

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Scripture Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:5-12 The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	Treasure in Clay Jars	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Special Music	"The Heart of Worship" Eliza Hage, Solo	REDMAN

## Responding

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+Affirmation of Faith	<b>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.</b>	The Apostles' Creed
+Gloria	"Gloria Patri" <b>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.</b>	GREATOREX
Prayers of the People	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection</i>	
The Lord's Prayer	<b>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.</b>	
Invitation to the Offering Offertory	"Amazing Grace" Erin Pollock, Soprano	arr. Benjamin Harlan
+Presentation of Gifts	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" <b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</b>	OLD HUNDREDTH
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Bev Pellom	

## Departing

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+Hymn 321	"The Church's One Foundation" Vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5	AURELIA
+Benediction		
+Congregational Response	"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" <b>God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again</b>	GOD BE WITH YOU

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

Postlude	"Just a Little Talk With Jesus" Kelli Garbett, Piano	DERRICKS
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## Announcements

Join us **today at 11 AM immediately following worship** for our annual mid-year Financial Forum. The Stewardship Ministry Team will present our financial picture through June 2023 in Fellowship Hall.

**Children:** We are excited to kick off our Fall Kids Programs on Sunday, September 10 with Kids Worship at 9:00 AM, Brownson Connect Groups in conjunction with Higher Grounds at 10:00 AM, Family Worship at 11:10 AM and a night of fun beginning at 5:00 PM. Our parent meeting will follow the next week on September 17. It's going to be a great fall and we hope you'll be a part of the fun with our Brownson Kids family!

**Youth:** Youth Group Kickoff is Sunday, September 10! Parents and youth are invited to join us 5-7 PM. We will start with dinner in the fellowship hall all together, followed by an important parent meeting, while the youth play games and tie dye some Brownson Youth gear. If you would like to receive weekly email updates for Brownson Youth, please email Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org). Remember the most up-to-date youth calendar can be found on the Brownson Church app.

**PW Presbyterian Woman Membership Information:** Inquiries & Registration: Linda Hamel, Membership Chair, [llwhamel@gmail.com](mailto:llwhamel@gmail.com)  
**September 18**—PW meeting at 11:00 AM, followed by a luncheon. Gail Cameron will be introducing *Sacred Encounters*, the new bible study for the new year.

The **Congregational Care Team** is looking to begin a Phone Call Team! Our hope is that every member of the church will receive a friendly phone call from this team over the next year. If you enjoy connecting with people by phone, we would love to have you as a part of this team, sharing God's love with all our members. If you would like to join this team, please contact Darlene Bostelman at [assist@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:assist@brownsonchurch.org).

**2024 Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting** – Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to witness the events of the Gospels? We will go where the events of the Bible took place – the Holy Land. Join us on **September 10 at 12:15 PM** in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this once in a lifetime trip! Lunch will be provided.

**Brownson Buddies Volunteers** – Would you like to make a difference in the life of a third-grade student at Southern Pines Elementary School? Our Brownson Buddies reading program is kicking off again this October! If you're interested in volunteering one hour per week, please contact Austin Vernon at [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org) or Sara Conti at [sara.conti76@gmail.com](mailto:sara.conti76@gmail.com).

**Enlightening Conversations: Communities Uniting Against Racism** – Join the conversation with other Moore County neighbors as we discuss issues pertaining to race in an inclusive and loving environment. Learn more and register for this exciting program by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SFFEC2023>. Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom, beginning September 12.

## Ways to Give

Thank you for supporting the mission of Brownson Church. Your gift has an immediate impact on the work of ministry through our mission and values and the work we do across Moore County and beyond! To give today, you may do so through the envelopes in the pews, through the **Give** tab on our website, or by using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### SANDHILLS COALITION:

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

TWO DROP OFF LOCATIONS: Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive-Thru - Taylortown.

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

### THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Second Tuesday of the month, 9 AM—11 AM
- Sign up to Volunteer on September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12
- Contact: Bob McCall, [rdm36@charter.net](mailto:rdm36@charter.net)

## Adults

### SUNDAY MORNING CONNECT GROUPS

**The Living Word Today** (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM.

Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

**The Ligon Bible Class**—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room B at 10 AM.

### MID-WEEK ADULT STUDIES

**Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast** - This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. Contact Bill Berger for more information.

**Theology on Tap**—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Table on the Green at 6 PM. They will start back up in September.

## Prayers and Praise

**Hospital/Rehab:** John Monroe (MRH), John McPhaul, (St. Joseph of the Pines)

**Christian Sympathy** to Evelyn (Ebbie) Monroe on the death of her brother and to Edward and Clement Monroe on the death of their uncle, Dr. H. David Bruton on August 18, 2023.

**Christian Sympathy** to Harriet Speight on the death of her sister, Elisabeth Wise, on August 22, 2023.

## Serving Today

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

Head Ushers: Frank Quis and Wes Little, Cornelia Morris, Paul Whit & Jane Howard, Rick & Ruth Burgin, Ed Monroe

## Worship Schedule

**September 3—Summer Service Hours**

Worship 10 AM In Person & Online | 9-10 AM Higher Grounds & Adult Classes | 9:30-10 AM All God's People Connect Group

**September 10—Traditional Service Hours**

Worship at 9 AM & 11:10 AM Livestream 11:10 AM Higher Grounds & Brownson Connect Groups 10 AM