

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## August 17, 2025

*Our Family Tree of Faith*



### 2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger  
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | David Wood | Gena Smith | Jane Howard | Kara Vonderkall  
Kamron Monroe | Kathy McPherson | Keith Walvoord | Lee Pittman | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg  
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison | Luke Markotich (Y) | Janie 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

**Amy Shortt**—director of music ministries

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

[www.brownsonchurch.org](http://www.brownsonchurch.org) — 910.692.6252

Sunday Worship | 10 AM

Livestream | 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.*

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Highlands Cathedral

Air Roever and Korb (1982)

William Caudill, bagpiper | 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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection

New Member Introductions

## The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor

In the beginning,

**God created us in love.**

In our past,

**God led us through the wilderness.**

In our present day and for all eternity,

**God is with us – creating, loving, and leading the children of God.**

Let us worship God this day.

+Hymn 730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

## Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of our world and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage, 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

Anthem

*Lord, Listen to Your Children*

arr. Larson

Matt Franks and Ravon Sheppard

Moment with Children

Erin Pollock, Director of Youth 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 698	<i>Take, O Take Me as I Am</i> <b>Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.</b> <i>Congregation to join on repeat.</i>	TAKE ME AS I AM
Scripture Lesson	Hebrews 11:29-12:2 The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Holy Bible, page 1099
Sermon	Our Family Tree of Faith	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor for Congregational Care</i>
+Hymn 821	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

## 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	Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i> Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from <i>The Scots Confession</i> 3.01 <b>We confess and acknowledge one God, to whom alone we must cleave, serve, worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created and to be ruled and guided by his providence for his eternal wisdom, goodness, justice, and glory. Amen.</b>
-----------------------	--

+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> <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	
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	<i>Amazing Grace</i> William Caudill, bagpiper	NEW BRITAIN
+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <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	B. Christian Freberg	

## Departing

+Hymn 450	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
+Blessings of the Tartans	John Monroe	
+Benediction		Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
+Choral Response	<i>Go Ye Now in Peace</i> The Chancel Choir	JOYCE EILERS

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

Recession of the Tartans	<i>Scotland the Brave</i> William Caudill, bagpiper   Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	Traditional The Rowan Tree Carolina Oliphant - Lady Nairn
--------------------------	---	---

## Announcements

**Cover Art** is *Illustration of Pinus Sylvestris (Scotch Pine)* by Matthew Ward.

**Today** —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. 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 this service this morning. Presbyterian Churches across the country, including Brownson, have continued this tradition in celebration of our Scottish heritage.

**Today:** Join us outside on the lawn immediately following worship for Lemonade on the Lawn. Enjoy a glass of lemonade and cookies and a fun time of fellowship as we connect with one another.

**Congregational Meeting—Sunday, September 7, 2025:** There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following 10 AM worship on September 7. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Elder Class of 2028.

**Summer Giving** - As you travel this summer, please consider continuing your giving while you are away. We tend to see a decline in giving, while our expenses remain the same. You can do this through our website: [brownsonchurch.org/give](https://brownsonchurch.org/give) and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



**Summer in the Psalms**—This summer, a take home devotional will be provided that guides you through the riches of the book of Psalms by studying one Psalm per week. This faith formation resource is geared toward all ages and families. The study will be available in the Atrium.

**Save the Date - Church Family Meal:** Join us on Sunday, September 7 for our annual Church Picnic and Family Meal. There will be one service at 10 AM with the meal following at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the meal and no need to register. **The church will provide the fried chicken and barbecue and would love for our Brownson family to provide all of the sides for the meal. Plan to bring things like baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit and dessert.** If you would like to volunteer to set up or clean up, please contact Jane Howard, [jphtravel@gmail.com](mailto:jphtravel@gmail.com).

**A Fall Bible Study on the Book of Matthew:** Back-to-School means back to Bible Study in our neck of the woods. In September, join Alice Herrington's in-depth Bible study which begins on September 10, from 10:30 AM - 12 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. It will be a 10-week study. If you have questions, please contact Bill Berger @ [bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com](mailto:bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com) or 334.398.1941 or Rev. Austin Vernon [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org).

## Music Notes

We welcome Bill Caudill to Brownson. Bill Caudill is a member of the St. Andrews Society of North Carolina and has resided in the Sandhills since 1989 after graduating from St. Andrews Presbyterian College (now St. Andrews University) in Laurinburg. He later received his graduate degree in Folklore from UNC Chapel-Hill. He is Founder and Director of The Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews where he serves as historian and folklorist and instructs the university pipe band and drum corps as well as local and regional private students in piping. He is also the founder and chairman of the Scotland County Highland Games held annually on the first weekend of October in Laurinburg. He has played the bagpipe for 49 years and currently serves as President of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association as well as being a fully certified member of their judges' panel.

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume in September. Bell Choir will also kick off rehearsals in September! Stay tuned for more details. We'd love to have you make music with us!

## Serving Today

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

Head Usher: Logan Beck, Ashleigh Beck, John Eddy, Ben Eddy, Hank Roofe, Dave Devendorf.

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

During the 10 AM service, Brownson has a full service nursery in the Education Building for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. Please see an usher for assistance.

### CHILDREN and YOUTH

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children 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 9 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: 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 9 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

**Donuts and Devotionals**—Join us in Conference Room C at 9 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### 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](mailto:cschunk@guilford.edu).

### THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors.
- Sign up to volunteer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 1-3 PM.
- Contact: Don Branch at [debranch@gmail.com](mailto:debranch@gmail.com).

### NORTHERN MOORE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Brownson is hosting its second annual summer shoe drive for the children at Northern Moore Family Resource Center. Please consider donating new shoes for children grades K-12 in the collection bins, which will be located in the Atrium. Our goal this year is 130 pairs of shoes!

### FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children. Volunteers needed for providing dinners and overnight hosts.
- Dates: September 9—13, 2025
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, [cdimarco@nc.rr.com](mailto:cdimarco@nc.rr.com).

## Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** Tuesday, August 19, 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

## Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jac and Kathy Whatley in celebration of 47 years of married blessings and for the birth of their granddaughter, Kate DeWhatley, on August 9.

**Member Death:** We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Bonnie Quesenberry upon her death on August 12, 2025. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at a later date.

**Celebrations:** The rose on the Baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, is in celebration of the birth of Katherine Christine DeWhatley, born on August 9, 2025, granddaughter of Jac and Kathy Whatley.

**Celebrations:** The roses on the Baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, are in celebration of twins, Simon Yates Iyooob and Wiley Jean Iyooob, born on July 31, 2025, grandchildren of Michael and Pam Gantt.

**Christian Sympathy** to Elizabeth Carter upon the death of her father, Charles Reeves, on August 8, 2025.