

+Call to Worship *Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor*

As Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee, he called ordinary people into a life of holy purpose.

We come today carrying our questions, our fears, and the routines of everyday life.

Jesus still speaks the same invitation: "Follow me."

We come not because we have everything figured out, but because we trust the One who calls us by name.

Come, let us worship the God who meets us where we are and leads us into new life.

Call to Confession *Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, You call us to follow, yet we cling to what is familiar and safe. You invite us into new life, but we hesitate, fearing what we might lose. We confess that we often admire Jesus from a distance instead of trusting him with our whole lives. Forgive us for the nets we refuse to release, the boats we are afraid to leave, and the ways we delay our response to your call. By your grace, loosen our grip, renew our trust, and lead us into faithful obedience, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who calls us still. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 4:18-22
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Let Your Nets Down *Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor*

Musical Medication | I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. Greer

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor*

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 Pilot, 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.

Prayers of the People *Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor*

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.

+Benediction

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

Announcements

The importance of Chancel Flowers. Chancel Flowers are dedicated by our members to the Glory of God in honor or memory of loved ones. On Monday, they are made into small bouquets by our Flower Ministry Team and delivered to our members who may be sick, in the hospital or grieving in some way. To provide flowers, the 2026 Chancel Flower calendar is posted in the Atrium

Winter Bible Study – Join us as we resume our in-depth Bible study on the Book of Matthew 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).

The Congregational Care and Connection Team is putting together a "Dine Around" starting in February. Through "Dine Around," Brownson members will get together for monthly meals in small groups. Members will be placed in groups of 8 to get together once a month for 4 months at each other's homes, restaurants, parks, or wherever the host for the month chooses. It is a fun and easy way to get to know one another! The signup deadline is January 30. Call or email Ann Edgerton to sign up or reach out if you have questions: annkedgerton@gmail.com, (910)638-8260.

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members today at 10:15 AM, Parlor–If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. John Hage and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership. Grab a coffee and donut and stop by!

PERU 2026 Mission Trip informational discussion and Peruvian lunch is today following the second service for anyone interested in our work in Peru and possibly joining the summer mission trip. For additional information please contact Gerald Ostlund at gerald.ostlund@gmail.com or Pastor John Hage at john@brownsonchurch.org.

Lenten Small Groups are on the way! Titled "*Healing What's Within: Coming Home, Mystics, Music and Meaning*," this year's series begins the week of February 22nd. These small groups are an incredible way to build community within the church while diving deeply into God's Word. Please be on the lookout for details as we deepen discipleship in our church family. For information, please contact Bill Berger at: bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com

Prayers and Praise



SAVE THE DATE
VBS 2026
JUNE 22-25
9-12 PM

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

Kids, pre-K though grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children at both services 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 10 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 10 AM. Led by Don and Linda Branch.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o'clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

Join us in the fellowship hall today at 10:15 today for our 4th Sunday with Little Friends. This is geared for ages 3 – 5, but siblings are of course welcome! We will be having a snow party, learning how God made us all unique! Kids Connect meets tonight from 5:00 – 6:45. If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group tonight from 5-7 PM in the youth suite for everyone in grades 6-12. Join us for food, fellowship, faith formation and fun! Remember that summer trip registration is due by March 8. High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Allan Beck, Logan Beck, John Eddy, Ben Eddy, Dave Devendorf, Hank Roofe.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Scott Absher, Chuck Davis, Michael White, Lee Pittman, Will Herring, Ryan Riggan.

Ways to Serve | Local Missions

SANDHILLS COALITION

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

DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex

Contact Caryl Schunk, cschunk@guilford.edu

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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