

BROWNSON

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

November 16, 2025



2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger
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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 and organist

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 9 & 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 *Sonata VIII Movements II and IV* A. Corelli

Tim Altman, trumpet | Amy Shortt, piano

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

And also with you.

News of the Church Alive Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

Minute for Mission Coalition Christmas Caryl Schunk and Chris DiMarco

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Come, people of God, bringing your gifts of love and service.

We come to offer our lives to the One who gave us life.

God calls us not to neglect doing good, but to share what we have.

With open hearts and willing hands, we come to worship the Lord.

+Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Verses 1, 2 & 5

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

Prayer of Confession Generous God, we confess that we often cling too tightly to what we have. We hesitate to give, to serve, or to share, forgetting that all we possess is a gift from You. Forgive us when fear or busyness keeps us from doing good. Renew in us a spirit of generosity and gratitude, so that our lives may be a living sacrifice, pleasing in Your sight. 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

Moment with Children Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

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.

Baptism (9 AM)

Jayce Roy Driesbaugh and Dane Timothy Driesbaugh, sons of Shawn and Grace Driesbaugh

Hymn 482 (9 AM)

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 #466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and Fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Congregation to join on repeat.

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 13:16

Holy Bible, page 1101

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Do Not Neglect To Do Good	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Anthem	<i>Mansions of the Lord</i> The Chancel Choir Tim Altman, trumpet	

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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care</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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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

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.	
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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	she danced in the rain	Cait Nishimura
	Tim Altman, trumpet Amy Shortt, piano	

+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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.	

(If you are a veteran or want to recognize a veteran during today's roll call, come forward at this time and line up on the May Street side of the Sanctuary).

Veterans Roll Call

Anthem	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Sandra Ethium
	Brownson Handbell Choir	

+Prayer of Thanksgiving	(9 AM) Lucy Zalzneck (11:10 AM) B. Christian Freberg
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Departing

+Hymn 643	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	NUN DANKET ALLE GOT
+Benediction		Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Choral Response	<i>Go Ye Now in Peace</i> The Chancel Choir	

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

Postlude	<i>A Cup of Rejoicing</i>	Wilbur Held
	Amy Shortt, organ	

Announcements

90 Years of Grace: Our Story | God's Faithfulness

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge for 2025, please find pledge cards in the Narthex or you can submit your pledge online: brownsonchurch.org/give.

The Presbyterian Women will be selling note cards in the Atrium from 10-11 AM each Sunday in November. Please plan to stop by for a package of eight of our own Linda Bryant's original designs for \$12.50. Proceeds support Mission initiatives.

Decorating the Sanctuary: You are invited to join the Worship Team in decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas on **Saturday, November 29 at 9 AM**. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP that you will join the fun, please contact Mollie Calhoun at molliecalhoun@hotmail.com.

Our Coat Drive has begun! We will be collecting new or gently used children's coats throughout the month of November to be distributed at Southern Pines Elementary in December.

Veterans Roll Call—Join us this morning during both services where we will acknowledge those in our congregation who have served and currently serve in the armed forces.

Prospective New Member Meet & Greet – Sunday November 23 at 10:15 AM in the Parlor: Have you been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership? Grab some coffee and a donut and join our pastors and representatives from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information! We hope to see you there.

Caroling & Crockpots – Sunday December 7 at 2:45 PM

Join us for our annual tradition of Christmas caroling! We will gather at Penick Village at 2:45 PM to sing to their residents, then divide into groups to sing to several of our homebound members throughout Southern Pines and Pinehurst. We will then come back to church at 5:00 PM for a Crockpot soup potluck! We hope you will join us for this fun and festive event!

Coalition Christmas (Empty Stocking) – Consider sharing Christ's love this Christmas season by providing gifts for a local family in need. Families are available for distribution. To be paired with a family, please contact Caryl Schunk (336-312-2216; cschunk@guilford.edu) or Chris DiMarco (910-528-5169; cdimarco@nc.rr.com). Donations are also being accepted to pay for meal vouchers.

Prayer Shawl Sunday – December 7

On Sunday December 7, we will recognize the gifts of our Prayer Shawl Ministry by inviting all who have received a shawl to wear it in church! We would love to see how many people have been touched by this ministry. Please wear your shawl on December 7 in worship so all can see God's love at work!

Music Notes

The composer of she danced in the rain, writes, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain. This phrase reminds us to be adaptable, curious, openhearted, and brave; it inspires us to find the light in the darkness and hold onto hope during challenging times. My hope is that this music finds others who are learning to dance in the rain, too".

We are grateful to Dr. Timothy Altman for sharing his talents with us this morning. Dr. Altman (Professor of Music) is in his 27th year at UNC Pembroke. He is principal trumpet of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra (20 years) and the Carolina Philharmonic (15 years). He was a U.S. Fulbright scholar in 2019 and has performed and taught all over the world (England, Mexico, Jordan [middle east], Italy, Puerto Rico, German, etc.)

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Todd McCrimmon by his parents, Warren & Sandra McCrimmon.

Hospital/Rehab: Pat Copley (MRH) Clara Woodcock (St. Joe's)

Christian Sympathy: to Lisa Beck upon the death of her sister, Nancy Leak Hagen on 11/7/25.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 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 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 Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

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

KIDS CONNECT

Kids Connect meets tonight from 5:00 - 6:45 for game night!

Don't forget our 4th Sunday with Little Friends is next Sunday, November 23 at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall. This is geared for ages 3 - 5, but of course siblings are welcome.

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is tonight 5-7 PM for everyone in grades 6-12. Tonight is the registration deadline for the high school ski retreat. Confirmation Class is meeting today 12:30-4:30 PM in the youth suite.

High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 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: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Burt Ozment, Bob and Peggy Flygar, Hope Dugenske, Hardin Freberg

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Frank Dean, Don Hiscott, Sara Reinemann, Ryan Ciccone, John Cates

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

Bible study groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

PW Circle 7— Wednesday, November 19, at 11:00 AM, in Conference Room C. Led by Lisa Beck

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.