

BROWNSON

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

October 5, 2025



*Ninety Years of Grace
Our Story
God's Faithfulness*

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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 for 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 | 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 write legibly.

Prelude	Introduction and Trumpet tune on LYONS Amy Shortt, organ	arr.Lasky
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, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Minute for Mission	90 Years of Grace, Our Story and God's Faithfulness	Lisa Hughes, <i>Elder Stewardship</i>

The Praise of God


Call to Worship
Come, people of God, to the mountain of God.
We come, standing on holy ground.
God calls us by name and sends us with purpose.
Here we are, Lord—speak, for your servants are listening

+Hymn #687	<i>Our God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> Stanzas: 1. ALL 2. WOMEN 3. MEN 4. ALL	ST. ANNE
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Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
God of fire and faithfulness, we confess that we shrink from your call. We question our worth, our strength, our ability. We fear failure more than we trust your promise. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that you do not call us because we are perfect, but because you are faithful. Renew us with courage and with hope, so we may follow where you lead. 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	<i>We Are Forgiven</i> We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)	Hal H. Hopson, 1995
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The Proclamation of the Word

Moment with Children
Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children 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 #466
Come and Fill our Hearts
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
Exodus 3:1–12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NSRV

Sermon	Called to a Larger Purpose	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Anthem	<i>Be Thou Our Vision</i> The Chancel Choir	arr. Sorenson

Responding

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. John Hage

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus (Hymn 559)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of the Elements

As you are passing the plate, please say this to your neighbor:
The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

I Love to Tell the Story
The Chancel Choir

arr. Gilpin

+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 AM) Bob Friesen (11:10 AM) Andrew Benbow

Departing

+Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

+Benediction

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

+Congregational Response #306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above

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

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal
Amy Shortt, organ

Based on the tune LANCASHIRE
arr. Greg Sewell

Announcements

Fall Small Group Series – Join a small group this fall (October 5—November 6) as we explore God's faithfulness in scripture and throughout Brownson's 90-year history. You can register for a small group online or by contacting the church office at 910-692-6252. Small groups of all different meeting times and locations begin the week of October 5. To register online go to brownsonchurch.org/registration.

Bridges of Faith – Join Brownson friends and others in the community for an engaging interfaith panel discussion at Sandhills Community College on Sunday, October 26, at 2 PM. The event is free to the public, but registration is required. Sign up at <https://sandhillsscc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/22536>.

Rise Against Hunger – Join us on Sunday, October 19, in Fellowship Hall for our annual Rise Against Hunger food packing event. All ages are encouraged to participate in this fun, intergenerational service opportunity as we pack 20,000 meals to combat food insecurity around the world. Register online at <https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/BrownsonMemorialPres25>

Shoe Drive - We did it! Over 150 pairs of shoes are heading to North Moore Family Resource Center for their Santa Workshop in December. Thank you for your generosity...we knew we could count on our church family to come through!

Music Notes

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to play Christmas carols in a brass ensemble for a Christmas Eve service? We would love for you to share your talents with us in worship! All ages and abilities welcome. Bell Choir is off to a great start! We have room for a few more ringers. Join the fun! Chancel Choir has begun preparations for Christmas Cantata *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Michael Burkhardt including poetry of Ann Weem which will be presented in worship on December 14. Come sing with us!

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.

BROWNSON BUDDIES

Brownson Buddies Homework Helpers will start their fourth year of tutoring at Southern Pines Elementary School on October 6. A tutor spends an hour a week (2:30-3:30 PM) with a third-grade student, helping them with reading homework. Please contact Rev. Austin Vernon at disciple-ship@brownsonchurch.org if you are interested in becoming a tutor.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Marjorie Heffner, Chris & Kelley Kibler, Bill Zell, Mary Hamblen.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher— Alex Bowness, Betsy Robinson, Anita Emery, Chan & Lucy Roberts, Susan Bowness, Pat Henry.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

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 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

Care 101 – This week the Rev. Cynthia Strickland will lead our class on *Caring Through Grief*. Please join us as we learn about meaningful work of caring for those experiencing grief. We will meet at 10 AM in the Cornerstone Room.

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.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

Wear your crazy socks tonight for Kids Connect! Kids Connect meets from 5:00 - 6:45, beginning on the basketball court and Gaga pit. Our Milestones Program kicks off today at 10:15 for 5th graders as we start our first milestone, Identity in Christ. Reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org with any questions.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is 5-7 PM tonight for everyone in grades 6-12. Meet in the youth suite for fun, fellowship, food and faith formation! High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you have any questions about youth events, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study: Wednesday, October , 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Larry and Mary Margaret McNeill in loving memory of their parents Lawrence and Edna McNeill and Bob D. and Julia Woodward.

Hospital/Rehab: Lois Holt (MRH)