

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

September 21, 2025



2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger
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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 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 *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young
Amy Shortt, 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*

Minute for Mission Pet Responsibility Committee & Blessing of the Animals Barbara Ross & Angela Zumwalt

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Gathered in from many lands, Evan Holmes
We come from east and west, from north and south.
Some of us have wandered through deserts.
Some of us are hungry and thirsty.
But God hears our pleas
And has delivered us from our distress.
We come with prayers of thanksgiving,
To worship the One who is the source of our strength.

+Hymn 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although we are called to be one in Christ, we are a people divided against ourselves, clinging to the values of a broken world. We pursue profit and pleasure at the expense of your creation. Our fears and jealousies set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. Lord, have mercy upon us. We pray for your healing and forgiveness in our lives, our nation, and our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie



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 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 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
Congregation to join on repeat.

Scripture Lesson	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 162-163
Sermon	With All Your Strength	Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i>
Anthem	<i>God Be in My Head</i> Keaton Garbett, solo and Women's Ensemble	arr. Andrea Ramsey

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 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	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
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+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> 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.	GREATOREX
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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.	

Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	(9 AM) <i>You Are My All in All</i> Matt Franks, tenor and Ravon Sheppard, baritone (11:10 AM) <i>O Love</i> The Chancel Choir	arr. Larson Elaine Hagenberg

+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
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+Prayer of Thanksgiving	(9 AM) Morgan Strickland (11:10 AM) Keith Walvoord	
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Departing

+Hymn 837	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	Showalter
+Benediction		Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
+Choral Response 828	<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.

Postlude	<i>Classical Postlude</i> Amy Shortt, organ	Franz Joseph Haydn
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Announcements

Church Retreat- Registration Deadline is TODAY! ALL are welcome to join us for the 4th annual church retreat at Caraway Conference Center November 7 -9. It is a weekend full of worship, fellowship, connection, and fun. The theme this year is "Fully Alive" and Rev. Ernie Thompson will be the retreat speaker. If the whole weekend doesn't work for you, you can sign up to be a day-tripper and join us on Saturday. You can register at www.brownsonchurch.org/registration.

New Member Meet & Greet—Sunday, **September 28, 2025, at 10:15 AM** in the Parlor. Join us to learn more about becoming a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday September 28, 4PM - Grass Parking Lot
This service will celebrate the gift of God's creation, especially the gift of our pets. Pet owners are invited to attend with their pets for a brief service of prayer, scripture reading, music, and blessing our special animal friends. *All pets must be up to date on vaccines; dogs must be leashed; cats and small animals must be in a carrier.* If your pet does not do well in social situations, you are welcome to bring a collar, tag, or picture of your pet. We hope you will join us as we give thanks to God for the animals in our lives. Contact Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin with any questions.

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.

Music Notes

Chancel Choir rehearsals are **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM**. Brownson Handbell Choir meets at **5:45 PM on Wednesdays**. Singers and Ringers of all ages are welcome! For more details, contact Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, at music@brownsonchurch.org. Children's Choir will kick off on Sunday evenings at 5 PM during the month of October!

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Hersh and Ruth Hughes by their daughters, Lisa Hughes and Lori Mottesheard and grandchildren Katelyn and Matthew Mottesheard.

Hospital/Rehab: Jeff Gillette (Duke)

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Judy Harte upon her death on August 17, 2025. A service was held in Greenville, SC on August 23, 2025.

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.

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 in grades K-12 to the collection bins located in the atrium. Our goal this year is 130 pairs of shoes! Deadline is September 30, 2025.

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.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11 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.

Care 101 – Join us today at 10 AM in the Cornerstone Room. The Rev. Carolyn Helms will lead this morning's session on *Caring Through Illness & Hospitalizations*.

The Brownson Moms Group will kick off this program year with a dinner at Vito's Southern Pines on Wednesday, October 8 at 7PM. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Doolin at elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org, and reach out to Kelli Garbett, Erin Pollock, or Elizabeth Doolin if you have any questions!

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 beginning at 5 PM on the basketball court. It's going to be a fun night of Noah and Minute to Win it Games!

4th Sunday with Little Friends is next Sunday, September 28, at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing all of our littlest friends (ages 2-5) and their families!

Reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org with any questions.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is tonight for everyone in grades 6-12. Join us in the Youth Suite 5-7 PM.

High School Bible Study meets on Thursday 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth events, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

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

Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study: Wednesday, September 24, 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Ushers: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Burt Ozment, Bob & Peggy Flygar, Hope Dugenske, Hardin Freberg.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Frank Dean, Bill Berger, Don & Brenda Hiscott, Sara James Reinemann, Ryan Ciccone.