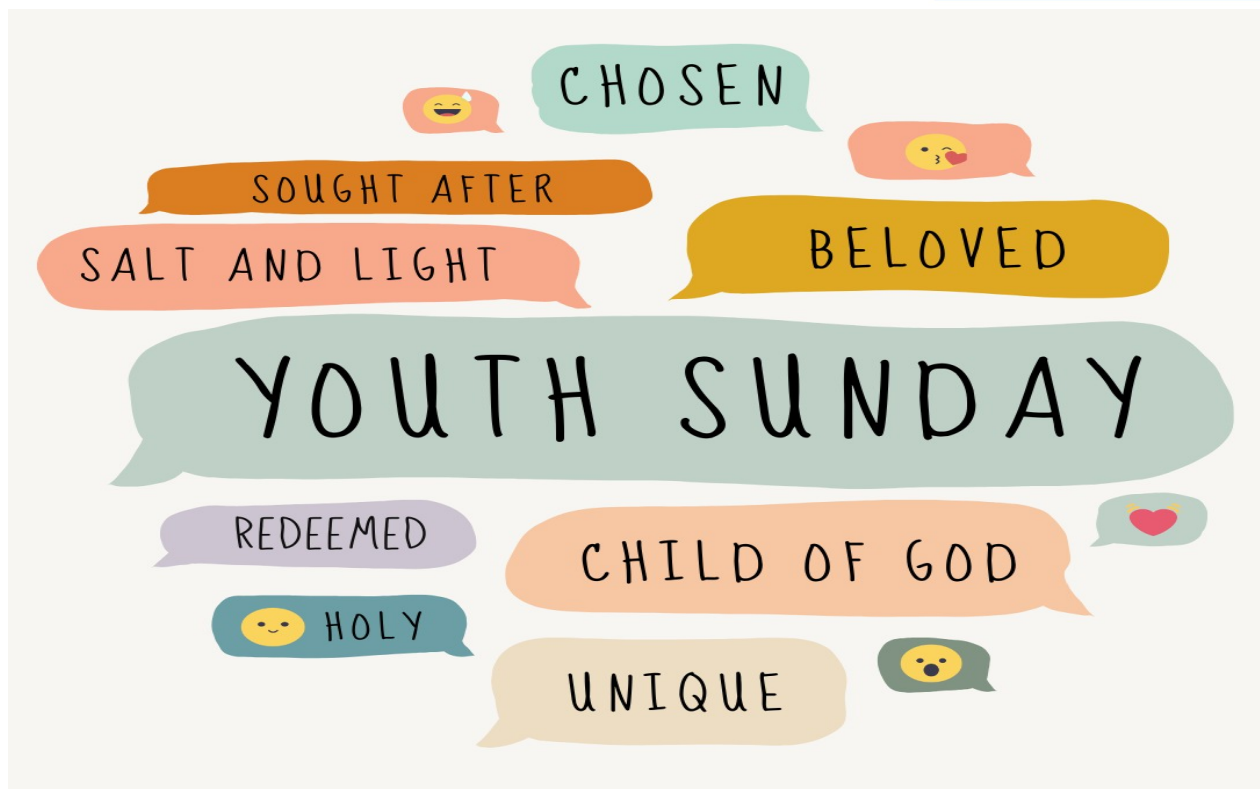


BROWNSON

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

90 Years ANNIVERSARY
*Remembering with Gratitude,
Moving Forward in Faith*
SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, May 3
One Service @ 10:30
All Church Picture
Church Family Meal

April 26, 2026



2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | Donna Chapin | Farra Wilson | Gena Smith
Jane Howard | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahnert | Kara Vonderkall
Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg | Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison
Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor
Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection
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 — 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 write legibly.

Gathering Music

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 Processional

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor* | Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families Sanctuary*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

(9 AM) Henry Harris (11:10 AM) John DeBlasio

We have been gathered in this place for a time,

That we might hear the good news we can't help but share.

On this day and each one to come,

May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.

+Hymn 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stanzas 1 – 4

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Confessing

Call to Confession

Emerson Freberg

Prayer of Confession

For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain instead of using them for the common good, forgive us, O God. For thinking too little of ourselves, not trusting that you have given us gifts for your service, forgive us, O God. For believing some gifts to be better than others, ignoring how we each build up the body of Christ, forgive us, O God. Spirit of the living God, fill us again with your power and use us for your work so that our lives may glorify you.

Kyrie

Caroline Depenbrock, Cantor



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 will sing when invited on repeat.

Assurance of Pardon

Pearl Hage

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

Why Bother With Me?

Ken MacDonald

Brownson Youth Ensemble

Moment with Children

Sam Kessell and Trent Staal

We have a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the Parlor
All other children are invited to worship with their families

Baptism (11:10 AM)

William Ulrich, son of Jack and Kerrie Ulrich.

Hymn 482 (11:10 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

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.****Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.****Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 139:14
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(9 AM) Tanner Ginos (11:10 AM) Ava Vonderkall

Holy Bible, page 566

Sermon

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
Jack Hage, Luke Markotich, Chloe Simpson, Janie Monroe

+Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

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

The Apostles' Creed

Rebekah Herring

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

Gloria Patri

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

Hardin Freberg

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 Anthem

Wonderfully Made
Janie and Hunter Monroe

Ellie Holcomb

+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) Lucy Zalzneck (11:10 AM) Ella Hall

Departing

+Hymn 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

ASSURANCE

+Benediction

+Congregational Response

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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

Closing Music

Amy Shortt, piano

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

Over the duration of both services, sophomore Lauren Polkow will be creating original artwork based on Psalm 139:14. You are encouraged to take time to enjoy the work she is creating and to see it up close after each service.

Announcements

Matthew Bible Study – Join us for the Book of Matthew Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12 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).

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Note for Families- At Brownson, we believe that *to wiggle is to worship!* Children are a joyful and important part of our life together, and we welcome them fully in worship- wiggles, movement, noise, and simply being the children they were created to be. We invite you to relax and feel at home as it's a joy to worship God together!

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, Sunday April 26, 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!

You're Invited: Brownson Church 90th Anniversary Celebration May 3, 2026

10:30 AM – One All-Together Worship Service—We will gather as one church family for a special intergenerational service celebrating the generations who have shaped Brownson's life and ministry.

Church Family Photo— Immediately following worship, we will take a church-wide family picture to commemorate this special anniversary year.

Church Family Celebration Meal—After the photo, everyone is invited to enjoy a festive meal together. The menu will include:

- Classic barbecue with all of the southern sides
- Gluten-free grilled chicken
- Green salad
- Dessert

There is **no cost to attend and no need to RSVP**, no need to bring anything, and all are welcome. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate the many ways God has worked through Brownson over the past ninety years.

Whether you have been part of Brownson for decades or are newer to our community, **you are an important part of this story**. We hope you will join us for this meaningful day of worship, gratitude, and fellowship.

Music Notes

The anthem today, "Why Bother With Me?", was written by Ken MacDonald. Ken has served as a youth volunteer at Brownson for many years, leading Thursday morning Bible study and youth group, going on the annual Montreat trip, and bringing deep care and love for young people to everything he does. This piece was inspired by the words of Psalm 8. As the psalmist reflects on the grandeur of the heavens and the magnitude of God's creation, he also marvels that God is mindful of our own comparatively small lives. The beauty of the text lies in the realization that the God who made the heavens and earth not only bothers with us but knows us and loves us beyond measure.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: .Jim Webb and our youth volunteers.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Frank Dean and our youth volunteers.

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

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: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

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 McNeil.

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

Kindergarten Milestones (God Is...) continue this morning at 10:15. Kids Connect is studying about falling down (over and over and over), but God picking us up and forgiving us, with a skating trip this afternoon. There will be no standard Kids Connect this evening. If you have any questions about children's programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Thank you to all of the youth who put time, talent and effort into Youth Sunday. There is no youth group tonight. The last high school Bible study of the year is this week Thursday, 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you would like more information about Brownson Youth please contact Erin: youth@brownsonchurch.org

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.

Prayers and Praise

Today's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jim's parents, Elizabeth and Glenn F. Webb and in honor of Jim's brother, Glenn F. Webb, Jr. Given by Jim and Linda Webb.

Hospital/Rehab: Carol Sylverstein (MRH)

Witness to the Resurrection for Joyce Stutts will be held at Brownson Memorial on April 29, 2029 at 11 AM. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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