

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

August 9, 2026



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2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
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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

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Sunday Worship | 10:30 AM

Livestream | 10:30 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

Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace

Taize'

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

The Praise of God

Call to Worship

Breath Prayer

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor

+Hymn 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Confessing

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on

Cantor to sing first. Congregation will sing when invited 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 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,
 And all these things shall be added unto you.
 Allelu, alleluia!**

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 19:9-16

Holy Bible, page 299

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wrestling For Justice

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor

+Hymn 372

O For a World

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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	Luke 1:46-55 My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.	Amelia Kirkland
+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
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		Amelia Kirkland
+Offertory Solo	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i> Summer Berry, soprano	Margaret Bonds
+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
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Roy Cameron	

Departing

+Hymn 100	<i>My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout</i>	STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
+Benediction		
+Congregational Response 80	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	THE TREES OF THE FIELD
Choir:	You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you; There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands;	
Congregation:	And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) While you go out with joy.	
	* See music note on the back of the Bulletin.	
Postlude		Amy Shortt, organ

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

Announcements

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!

Summer Giving - As you travel this summer, please consider continuing your giving while you are away. We tend to see a decline in giving, while our expenses remain the same. You can do this through our website: brownsonchurch.org/give and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



During the potluck lunch, we will gather at the table for a *Tell Me A Story* time. We will have conversations about when we have seen Brownson at its best and discuss moments that reveal the church's DNA and core values. We look forward to you joining us for this special time in the All Together Initiative process.

5th Annual Church Retreat - All are invited to join us for the Brownson Church Retreat Nov. 13-15 at Caraway Conference Center. The theme for this year's retreat is **"Bind Us Together"** and will be woven through preaching, discussion, music, recreation, fellowship and creative offerings. We also welcome back Rev. Ernie Thompson as the retreat speaker. Rev. Thompson is a retired PC(USA) pastor who served congregations in Greensboro and Wilmington during his ministry. ALL ARE WELCOME! Registration is open and can be found on the Brownson website. Any questions can be brought to Kelli Garbett or Erin Pollock.



It's that time of year again...Children are heading back to school so we're holding our **3rd Annual Shoe Drive for Northern Moore Family Resource Center** in Robbins. We're setting an ambitious goal of 200 pairs of new gym shoes for students ages 4-18! We'll be collecting each Sunday starting August 2 through September! Watch for collection containers in the Narthex and Atrium.

The Congregational Care Committee will be hosting **Lemonade on the Lawn** today following worship.

Today is "Move Up Sundae!" Not only will the kids move to their new classrooms for nursery and Kids Worship, but we will also celebrate with delicious Ice Cream Sundaes following worship. Please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org if you have any questions about your child's class!

Still Us - August 27, September 24, October 22, 2:30-4PM in Conference Room A: Join Dr. Karen Sullivan for three community gatherings to learn about the exciting progress of the Still Us Foundation and discover meaningful ways to get involved in creating a more dementia-inclusive community. Whether you're simply curious or ready to volunteer, everyone is welcome!

The Adult Discipleship Team invites you to a Dinner Conversation! All are invited to a Taco Bar dinner in Fellowship Hall on August 26 at 5 PM. Beginning at 5:30 PM, childcare will be available in the Education building for kids up to 5th grade.

Following dinner, we will hear from Dr. Mark Chaves from Duke Divinity School. Dr. Chaves is a professor of sociology and religion who will lead us in a conversation on the religious landscape of America in the 21st century. He will discuss current trends in church life and the forces shaping participation in religious institutions. We hope you will join us as we learn together and consider how Brownson might continue to grow and serve in the time in which we live.

Registration is available on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Adult Discipleship Ministry Team Chair, Bill Berger, at bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com, or Rev. Elizabeth Doolin at Elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.

We are excited to tell you about our new partnership with Boys and Girls Club Trinity Center, located catty-corner to the church in the old Southern Pines Elementary School. Choose your day(s), Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, and your choice of activities, not just academics. If your love is tutoring, you would sign up for Power Hour, 2:45-3:45, to assist with learning activities, reading and homework help. If you want something different, you can sign up for the activities hour, 3:30-4:30, which includes crafts, games, etc. Contact Caryl Schunk, 336-312-2216, or Sara Conti, 937-725-3016 for more details.

Music Notes

Our closing response, *"You Shall Go Out with Joy,"* is based on Isaiah 55:12: *"You shall go out in joy... the trees of the field shall clap their hands."* Throughout Scripture, clapping is also a joyful expression of praise (Psalm 47:1; Psalm 98:8). As we sing, the clapping is not applause, but a simple act of worship that echoes creation's joyful response to the abundant life given in and through God.

If clapping is not your preferred way of participating, please feel free to simply sing with joy. Whether through singing, clapping, or quiet reflection, may we all leave worship carrying Christ's joy into the world.

The choir will take a well-deserved break during August and will resume on **Kickoff Sunday, September 13**. Stay tuned for more details—and if you joined us this summer, we hope you'll continue singing with us whenever you can!

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Scott Absher, Michael White, Lee Pittman, Will Herring, Ryan Riggan

Prayers and Praise

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Tom Nacca, upon his death on August 2, 2026. Service details are pending.

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