

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*

## June 28, 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)

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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

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*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	Prelude	Amy Shortt, piano
Ritual of Friendship	The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	
News of the Church Alive	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	
Musical Meditation	<i>God Is</i>	VBS RAINFOREST FALLS

## The Praise of God

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+Call to Worship	God is our Creator and safe place. <b>Wow, God!</b> God knows everything about us and loves us. <b>Wow, God!</b> Let us worship God together.	
+Hymn	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	VBS RAINFOREST FALLS

## Confessing

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Call to Confession	Kelli Garbett, <i>Director of Children and their Families</i>	
Prayer of Confession	<p><b>Loving God, you created the earth, the sky, the animals, the plants, and you created us. You gave us life and love, but we do not always share love with others, and we do not always show love to the earth you made. Help us to treat each other and all creation with kindness, respect, and compassion. Help us to follow in the steps of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.</b></p>	

### 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	<i>We Are Forgiven</i>	Hal H. Hopson, 1995
	<b>We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)</b>	

## The Proclamation of the Word

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Moment with Adults	Kelli Garbett, <i>Director of Children and their Families</i>	
	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	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	LAFFERTY
	<b>Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you.. Allelu, alleluia!</b>	

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Scripture Lesson	Matthew 10:40-42 The Word of the Lord <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Holy Bible, page 889
Sermon	Jesus the Welcomer	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Anthem	<i>Love Round</i> VBS Preschool	VBS RAINFOREST FALLS

## Responding

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*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 <b>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.</b>	Rebekah Herring
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+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> <b>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.</b>	GREATOREX
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Prayers of the People Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

The Lord's Prayer	<b>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.</b>
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Invitation to the Offering

+Offertory	<i>God Loves Us So</i> VBS K-5	VBS RAINFOREST FALLS
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+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</b>	OLD HUNDREDTH
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+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Hardin Freberg
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## Departing

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+Hymn	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	VBS RAINFOREST FALLS
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+Benediction

+Congregational Response	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i> <b>Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.</b>	Jesus Loves Me
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Postlude	Amy Shortt, piano
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*A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.*

## Announcements

**Matthew Bible Study** – The Wednesday Bible Study on the Book of Matthew has concluded, and a new study on the Book of Mark will begin in September. Please be on the lookout for more information later in the summer. Contact Alice Harrington (aherrington7@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Save the Date, 5th Annual Church Retreat**, November 13-15.

**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](http://brownsonchurch.org/give) and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



**Red Cross Blood Drive** on Tuesday, June 30 from 1 — 6PM in Fellowship Hall. Help save lives during a time of critical need — donate blood at our upcoming drive and make a life-changing difference today! To sign up, please use the QR code to the left or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Type in Zip Code. Click on Make an Appointment. Scroll down to Brownson's schedule.



**Join us after worship for a hot dog lunch in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP needed!**

## Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:**

**(10:30 AM)** Head Usher: Steve Brooks, Debbie Brooks, Frank Quis, Rick and Ruth Burgin, Duck and Shirley Ruffy.

## Prayers and Praise

**Hospital:** Tom Nacca– MRH

### Brownson Youth welcomes you!

If you are in grades 6-12, you are invited to be a part of Brownson Youth. Youth group on Sundays September—May from 5-7 PM in the Youth Suite. Join us for dinner, games, Bible lessons, discussion, fun and fellowship!

High School Bible Study meets at PineScone Southern Pines on Thursday mornings during the school year, 7:30-8:15 AM.

For more information, please contact Erin Pollock, Director of Youth and their Families: [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

### Brownson Kids welcomes you!

Brownson Kids participate in Kids Worship each Sunday during the 10:30 AM service. This is worship just for kids!

Kids Connect, grades K-5, meets every Sunday evening September— May from 5 – 6:45 PM for food, fun, fellowship, and faith formation.

For more information, please contact Kelli, Director of Children and their Families at [children@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:children@brownsonchurch.org).

Brownson Music Ministries – We invite your whole family to praise the Lord! Whether you sing, play instruments, or want to join the choirs, your voices and talents are welcome at Brownson.

### Ministry Opportunities

**Children & Youth Choir:** A fun, welcoming space for young ones to grow and share their musical gifts.

**Vocalists & Instrumentalists:** Share your God-given talents in our Sunday worship services.

**Chancel Choir & Summer Choir:** Perfect for adults of all musical skill levels to participate.

Contact [Amy Shortt](mailto:Amy.Shortt), Director of Music Ministries, at [music@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:music@brownsonchurch.org) to get involved.

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

During the 10:30 AM service, 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

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children at both services 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 9:30 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 854-5041-3352 Passcode: 552470

**The Ligon Bible Class**—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 9:30 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

### HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium beginning at 9:15 AM. The last day for Higher Grounds for the summer will be July 12.

## Music Notes

Thank you so much to our wonderful youth helpers, Caragh Garry and Hunter Monroe, for leading the music at Vacation Bible School! Your energy and joy made our music time so special. You were great role models for the younger children. We are so proud of your servant hearts. – Ms. Amy

Everyone is invited to sing in Summer Choir during the months of June and July! Rehearsal begins in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. No prior experience necessary. All are welcome! Come and lead with us in worship. Childcare is available in the educational building starting at 9:15 AM.

