

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

June 7, 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

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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 Prelude on the tune HYFRYDOL arr. Kaplan

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, *Senior Pastor*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

We gather today as people who have been invited by Christ.

Christ calls us from familiar places into new journeys of faith.

Some stand at beginnings, some at endings, and many somewhere in between.

Yet Christ meets each of us and says, "Follow me."

Today we give thanks for milestones reached and the promise of new possibilities.

We celebrate those who graduate and all who step forward in faith, trusting God's guidance for the journey ahead.

We come to worship the God whose mercy is greater than our mistakes and whose welcome is wider than our expectations.

Come, let us worship God.

+Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you welcome people we often overlook and extend grace beyond the boundaries we create. We confess that we are sometimes quick to judge, slow to listen, and reluctant to welcome those who seem different from us. We cling to comfort rather than compassion and too often choose exclusion over mercy. Forgive us for the ways we fail to reflect the hospitality of Jesus. Open our hearts to receive your grace and help us extend that same grace to others. Teach us to build longer tables rather than higher walls, and form us into a community that reflects the mercy of Christ. 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.

Graduation Sunday

Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

Prayer for Graduates

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

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	Matthew 9:9–13 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 886
Sermon	The Lunch Table: Who Do You Sit With?	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 769	<i>For Everyone Born</i> Stanza 1 – Men Stanza 2 – Women Stanza 3 – Youth and Children Stanza 5 – All (All join on refrain)	FOR EVERYONE BORN

Responding

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table		Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	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.	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
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: <i>The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.</i> (All bread served today is Gluten-Free)	
Musical Meditation	<i>A Living Prayer</i> Janie Monroe	arr. Krauss
Home Communion Commissioning		Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Invitation to the Offering		
+Offertory Anthem	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> The Brownson Choir, soloists Jack Hage and Luke Markotich	arr. Weaver
+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	Luke Markotich	

Departing

+Hymn 547	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	AR HYD Y NOS
+Benediction		
+Choral Response	<i>Day by Day, Dear Lord</i> Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.	arr. Friedell
Postlude		Amy Shortt, organ

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

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, 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 and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee is meeting to nominate members for the Elder Class of 2029. If you have someone you would like to nominate to serve on the Session of Brownson, please send names to Mandy Berg (berg.amandas@gmail.com) by June 15, 2026.

West Community Gathering: Brownson is hosting the Presbytery's gathering on June 13 from 8:30 AM– 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Music Notes

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.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of The Honorable Jack W. Smith. Dedicated by his loving wife, Patricia Smith.

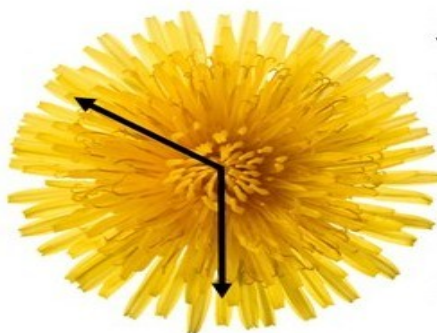
Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Dick Rice upon his death on May 31, 2026. Please keep his wife Betty Rice and all their family in your prayers.

Christian Sympathy to Lucy Roberts upon the death of her brother, George E. Pine on May 29, 2026.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Bill Zell, Mary Hamblen.



SUMMER WORSHIP
IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
10:30 AM
HIGHER GROUNDS & CLASSES
9:30 AM

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.



Please join us
for fellowship as we welcome our
new members to Brownson
Memorial Presbyterian Church

Lemonade
on the Lawn

Sunday, June 14, 2026
Following the 10:30 AM
worship service.

on the lawn by the
Brownson Learning
Center.

In the event of rain,
meet in the Atrium.