

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

March 22, 2026

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

Healing What's Within

Christ | Mystics | Music | Meaning
2026 Lenten Series

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

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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.

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Kaplan

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. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Minute for Mission

Local Missions

Roy Cameron

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.

In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope and healing.

God has brought us to this moment. God will guide us still.

Let us praise our healing Lord, together as the body of Christ.

+Hymn 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, we often fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt your wisdom. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring our neighbors and ignoring the needs of others. Help us to live as your people, bound to one another in grace. Amen.

Kyrie 577

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy.

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

Baptism (11:10 AM)

Allison Genevieve Polkow, daughter of Kent and Sara Polkow.

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 577

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.

Scripture Lesson	Luke 5:17-26 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 939
Sermon	Healing Together	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care</i>
Anthem	<i>I Love The Lord</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	arr. Smallwood

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 from *A Brief Statement of Faith 11.4 & 11.5* Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries in the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+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

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 Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Offertory Anthem *Hope Lingers On* arr. Andrea Ramsey
The Brownson Youth Choir

+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) Jane Howard (11:10 AM) Ella Hall

Departing

+Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

+Benediction

+Choral Benediction *Peace* a Shaker Tune arr. K. Siegfried
(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir

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

Announcements

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone, please use the yellow special offering envelope in the pew racks. Please indicate your dedication on the envelope. If you wish to donate online, go to brownsonchurch.org/give and use the drop-down menu to select Easter Lilies then notate in the memo line your flower dedication. An email will be sent upon receiving your dedication. If you do not receive an email, please contact assist@brownsonchurch.org. **Deadline is March 26.**

Volunteers Needed - Flower Ministry Brownson's Flower Ministry spreads joy through the season of Easter. Our volunteers deliver flowers to church members in need of connection. Easter lilies will be ready for pick up on Palm Sunday, March 29 through April 1. Simply pick up the flower with your name, deliver to the recipient on the envelope, and connect. If you'd like to be part of this ministry, please email Madison Broadwell at madisonbroadwell4@gmail.com.

Save the Date: We will celebrate Brownson's 90th Anniversary as a church family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3 for **one** all together service at 10:30 AM, an all-church picture and family meal! More details coming soon!

"Online Higher Grounds" will appear in the Atrium today. This Zoom connection will allow you to meet and say hello to our Online Members. Please stop and introduce yourself. No technology experience required!

2026 Habitat Apostle Build. April 10 and 11 from 8 AM to 12 PM. Habitat has requested 6 volunteers/day. Sign up at sandhillshabitat.org. For further information contact Don Power at donc6power@gmail.com.

The **Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk** will be **Sunday afternoon March 29** at Union Pines High School. Check out how to register or donate at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/sandhillsnc>. Sign up to walk with the Brownson Presbyterian Church team.

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, Sunday March 29, 10:15 AM, Parlor-If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. Elizabeth Doolin and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership.

The Congregational Care Team along with Children's Ministry is excited to host a **Parents' Night Out on Friday, April 17, from 5-8PM**. Children are invited to a fun night of activities while parents can have a few hours to themselves! Childcare will be offered for children ages 6 weeks to fifth grade. To register, go to brownsonchurch.org/registration. Contact Elizabeth Doolin or Kelli Garbett with any questions. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Elizabeth Doolin.

Music Notes

In addition to the leadership of our Chancel Choir each week, we have several opportunities for others to share their gifts in worship: **March 29 (Palm Sunday)** – Children's Choir leads the Procession of Palms. Children's Choir rehearses Sundays at **5PM**, Bell Choir rehearses Wednesdays at **5:45 PM** – new ringers are always welcome!

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Katherine Ewing, and in memory of Joe Currie, Tom Marsh, and Buddy Olney; the "Birthday Bunch." Given by Nancy Currie.

Christian Sympathy: Jim Hicks upon the death of his brother.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Gladys Willer upon her death on March 8, 2026. Her service will be held in the Sanctuary at 11 AM on March 25, 2026.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Richard Kuehl upon his death on March 18, 2026. His service details are pending.

Holy Week Schedule

March 29 | Palm Sunday

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM

Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM
Children's Choir and *Invite a Friend Sunday*

April 2 | Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service with communion and
Confirmand Foot Washing at 7 PM

April 3 | Good Friday Service of Healing and Wholeness 12 PM

April 5 | Easter Sunday

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM

Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM

Sunday Morning

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today— Non-partisan current events are discussed each Sunday using *The Wired Word*. 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* in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

Donuts and Devotionals—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.

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.

Winter 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).

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Allen Beck, Logan Beck, John Eddy, Ben Eddy, Dave Devendorf.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Will Herring, Chuck Davis, Michael White, Lee Pittman.

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

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

All Brownson Kids and their families are invited to join us for our Easter Celebration this Saturday, March 28, beginning at 9:30. Invite your friends and bring a basket! Kids Connect meets tonight from 5 – 6:45.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is tonight 5-7 PM in the Youth Suite for everyone in grades 6 - 12. Middle school is going to the Coalition to serve while high school plans Youth Sunday. High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.