

BROWNSON

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

October 11, 2026

*Think on
These Things*

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9



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

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
Minute for Mission

All Together Initiative

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*
Charlie Taylor

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

There are days when the world feels heavy. There are days when our hearts are anxious and our minds are full.

We come to God just as we are.

There are things we cannot control. There are things we do not understand. There are things that weigh upon us.

We bring them to God who is near.

And still, there is goodness. There is beauty. There is kindness. There is truth. There are people who love us and people we are called to love.

We turn our hearts toward what is true and good.

Let us worship the God who meets us in our anxiety, gives us peace beyond our understanding, and teaches us a different way to live.

+Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

God of peace, we confess that our minds and hearts are often restless. We worry about what has happened, what might happen, and what we cannot control. We give too much attention to fear and too little attention to your presence. We dwell on what is wrong and overlook what is good. We listen to voices that divide and forget the voice that calls us beloved. Forgive us, O God. Teach us to pray instead of worry, to give thanks instead of complain, to seek what is true and good, and to trust that you are near. Renew our minds and quiet our hearts, that we may live with the peace of Christ and think on the things that give life. 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.

Baptism

Blair Kathryn Fanning, daughter of Matthew and Kathryn Fanning.

Hymn 482	<i>Baptized in Water</i>	BUNESSAN
	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	
Scripture Lesson	Philippians 4:1-9 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 1073
Sermon	Think on These Things	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 833	<i>O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go</i>	ST. MARGARET

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	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
	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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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.	
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Invitation to the Offering

Anthem	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	arr. Hopson
	The Chancel Choir	

+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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	Jane Howard
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Departing

+Hymn 363	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King!</i>	DARWALL'S 148TH
+Benediction		
+Choral Response	<i>In the Lord</i>	TAIZE'
	In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.	
+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!

Blessing of the Animals - Today, 4PM

Please join us for this special service celebrating the gift of God's creation - especially the gift of our pets! All are welcome, and pet owners are invited to bring their pets. *All pets must be up to date on vaccines; dogs must be leashed; cats and small animals must be in a carrier.* If your pet does not respond well to social situations, you are welcome to bring a collar, tag, or picture of your pet. We will also be accepting donations of dry dog and cat food to contribute to the Sandhills Coalition Pet Pantry. Contact Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin with any questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive on October 20 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 right or www.redcrossblood.org. Type in Zip Code. Click on Make an Appointment. Scroll down to Brownson's schedule.



Congregational Meeting—October 18: There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following 10:30 AM worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Elder Class of 2029.

Sunday Serve - Do you need a little help around the house? Could you use some young and able-bodied people to help get a project done? Maybe you need bushes trimmed or heavy boxes moved or all that pine straw taken care of. On Sunday, October 18, Brownson Youth will be heading out in teams to serve the wonderful people of our church in an effort to give back and live out our faith. If you would like to take part in this and have a project we could help with, please reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org or 443-223-8930.

Bridges of Faith - Sunday, October 18 at 2 PM - Foundation Hall Sandhills Community College. This Interfaith Panel of Communication is organized by member of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. It invites participants to explore diverse faith traditions through dialogue. Register here: <https://sandhillscscc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/36846>



Trunk or treat will be on Sunday, October 25, from 4 - 6 PM. We are in need of trunks as well as candy (drop donations to the church office or in the Narthex on Sundays! Please reach out to Erin or Kelli if you want to be a part of this fun event!

Still Us - October 22, 2:30-4 PM in Conference Room A: Join Dr. Karen Sullivan 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 curious or ready to volunteer, come join us!

Prayers and Praise

Celebrations: The rose on the baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, is in celebration of the birth of William Gerrit Walvoord, grandson of Keith and Kim Walvoord, born October 1, 2026.

Hospital/Rehab: Elizabeth Miller—MRH

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Robert Fitch, upon his death on October 4, 2026. Please keep his wife, May, and all of their family in your prayers. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

If you haven't plugged into Grow, Discover, and Shine yet, we would love for you to do so. There is something for every child of every age—meeting at 9:30! Kids Connect meets tonight from 5 – 6:45 PM beginning in the fellowship hall (due to rain). It's the Youth Suite Switch, so we hope you'll join us! If you have questions about Kids Programs at Brownson, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group tonight 5-7 PM in the youth suite! High School Bible Study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. Faith Lab is Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 AM in the youth suite. For more information about Brownson Youth please contact Erin, youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Music Notes

On Thursday, Oct. 29 at 11:30 AM. in the Fellowship Hall, all are invited to join Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, for lunch and an informal introduction of James Whitbourn's *Son of God Mass*, a major choral work which will be presented by our Chancel Choir on Nov. 1. We'll listen to excerpts and explore the music and text, helping us hear the work more deeply when it becomes part of our All Saints worship service. This is offered in partnership between Congregational Care and Connection and Worship Ministry Team. A light lunch will be provided.

Sunday Morning Offerings Location Guide

The Living Word Today—Room A

Ligon Class—Room B

Donuts and Devotionals—Room C

It Takes a Village—Cornerstone Library

Another Chapter - Cornerstone Conference Rm.

Grow, Discover & Shine—Children PreK-5th Grade—Ed. Building

Faith Lab - Youth Suite

Linger with Lemonade

Join us for an informal time of connection outside the Sanctuary after church for some lemonade and fellowship as we head out into our week following worship at 11:30 AM.

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.

PW Circle 6—Monday, October 12 at 10 AM, in Conf. Room B.

PW Circle 3—Monday, October 12 at 11 AM, in Conf. Room C.

PW Circle 2— Thursday, October 13 at 10 AM, in Conf. Room C.

Mom's Book Club will meet October 14 at 7 PM in the youth suite to discuss "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. Contact Elizabeth Doolin with any questions: elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

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