

BROWNSON

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



February 15, 2026

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



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
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 9 & 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	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> Amy Shortt, organ	ST. ELIZABETH from <i>Schleisiche Volkslieder</i>
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, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Minute for Mission	Pancake Breakfast	Youth Leadership

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

Let us worship God, the source of glory and light.
God reveals Godself in dazzling brightness and gentle touch.
 When we are afraid, help us to listen.
When we resist change, help us to trust.
 God calls us to transformation, to follow Christ beyond the mountaintop.
Here we are Lord, open to your presence, ready to worship you.

+Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible God only Wise

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Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we resist transformation. We cling to what is familiar, fear the unknown, and sometimes fail to recognize your work in our lives. Forgive us, transform us, and lead us down the path of your light. Amen.

Kyrie



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

Cantor to sing first. Congregation 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

Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth 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

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Holy Bible, page 896

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

No One Except Jesus

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

+Hymn (insert)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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, Assoc. Pastor
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 *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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Assoc. Pastor

Offertory Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Sorenson
(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel 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) Halle Hunt (11:10 AM) B. Christian Freberg

Ordination and Installation of Elders (11:10 AM) Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor

Introduction of Elders Donna Chapin | Farra Wilson | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahnert | Ruth Burgin
Hardin Freberg (Y)

Questions to the Elders

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these disciples as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do believe that the elders were called by God to lead our congregation.

Will we pray for them, respect their decisions, and follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

We will pray for them and respect their decisions.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Assoc. Pastor

Departing

+Hymn 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

+Benediction

+Choral Response 306 *Go Ye Now in Peace* arr. Eilers
(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir

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

Postlude *Triumphant Finale* Thomas Bliss
Amy Shortt, organ

Announcements

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).

Lenten Small Groups are on the way! Titled “*Healing What’s Within: Christ, Mystics, Music and Meaning*,” this year’s series begins the week of February 22. These small groups are an incredible way to build community within the church while diving deeply into God’s Word. To sign up visit: brownsonchurch.org/registration. For information, please contact Bill Berger at: bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Pancake Breakfast– Join us in Fellowship Hall on February 22 in between the Sunday morning services for the annual Brownson Youth Pancake Breakfast. This event is a fundraiser to support the youth’s summer trips but there is no cost to attend. Come to support Brownson Youth and stay for the fellowship and delicious food! If you would like to make a donation to Brownson Youth you can go to www.brownsonchurch.org/give or use the QR code.



Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 22 immediately following the 11:10 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to share our Annual Report, 2026 Budget and to vote on the Terms of Call for Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin.

Brownson Learning Center: The BLC invites you to join us February 19 at 5 PM in the Atrium for our 2nd annual Art Exhibition. Our students have been studying different artists and art mediums and will present their own works of art in the gallery and reception. A donation of \$3/person or \$10/family is suggested to help restock our art supplies. The artwork will continue to be displayed throughout the month of February.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026: at 12 PM, in partnership with the Fellowship of Churches, Brownson will participate in the Ash Wednesday ecumenical service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines. At **6 PM**, there will also be a service in the Brownson Sanctuary. Child care is provided.

Save the Date: We look forward to celebrating 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!

Chili Cook-Off – Sunday March 8, 4:30—6 PM – Fellowship Hall: Join us for this year’s chili cook-off! We will taste test chilis crafted by Brownson cooks, crowning winners for the best of 2026! PB&J will be provided for our younger eaters. If you would like more information, please contact Sharon Ramsey at sharonramsey.nc@gmail.com or sign up to be a chili cook or volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545AFAB23A31-45644895-chili>.

Music Notes

Join Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, on **Wednesdays at 1 PM in the sanctuary** starting Ash Wednesday, February 18 during the season of Lent for **Mindfulness and Music**. Enter a space of stillness and sacred sound through the music of the mystics, contemplative prayer, silence, and guided imagery, offering a gentle path of inner healing and wholeness.

Prayers and Praise

Today’s **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Robert A. Everett. Beloved husband and best friend of Barbara Eldredge-Everett. Devoted father of Megan, Rob (Lisa) and proud Pop Pop of Bo, Grace, Joey and Teddy.

Hospital/Rehab: Craig Pryor (MRH)

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of James (Jim) Kennedy upon his death on February 8, 2026. A memorial service will be held on April 11, 2026 at Boles in Southern Pines.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, 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 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us 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 and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o’clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

3rd Grade Milestone– Bible Discovery– meets today at 3:30 PM. Kids Connect is serving at The Coalition tonight– please meet at Brownson at 5 PM.

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Join us for youth group tonight 5-7 PM in the Youth Suite for fun, food, fellowship and faith formation!

High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Bill Zell, Kelley J. Kibler, Chris Kibler, Mary Hamblen.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Don Power, Anita Emery, Chan and Lucy Roberts, Susan Bowness, Pat Henry, Cindi Hamilton.

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 7– Wednesday, February 18 at 11 AM in Conference Room C.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast– Tuesday, February 17, 7 AM at Sizzlin’ Steak and Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.