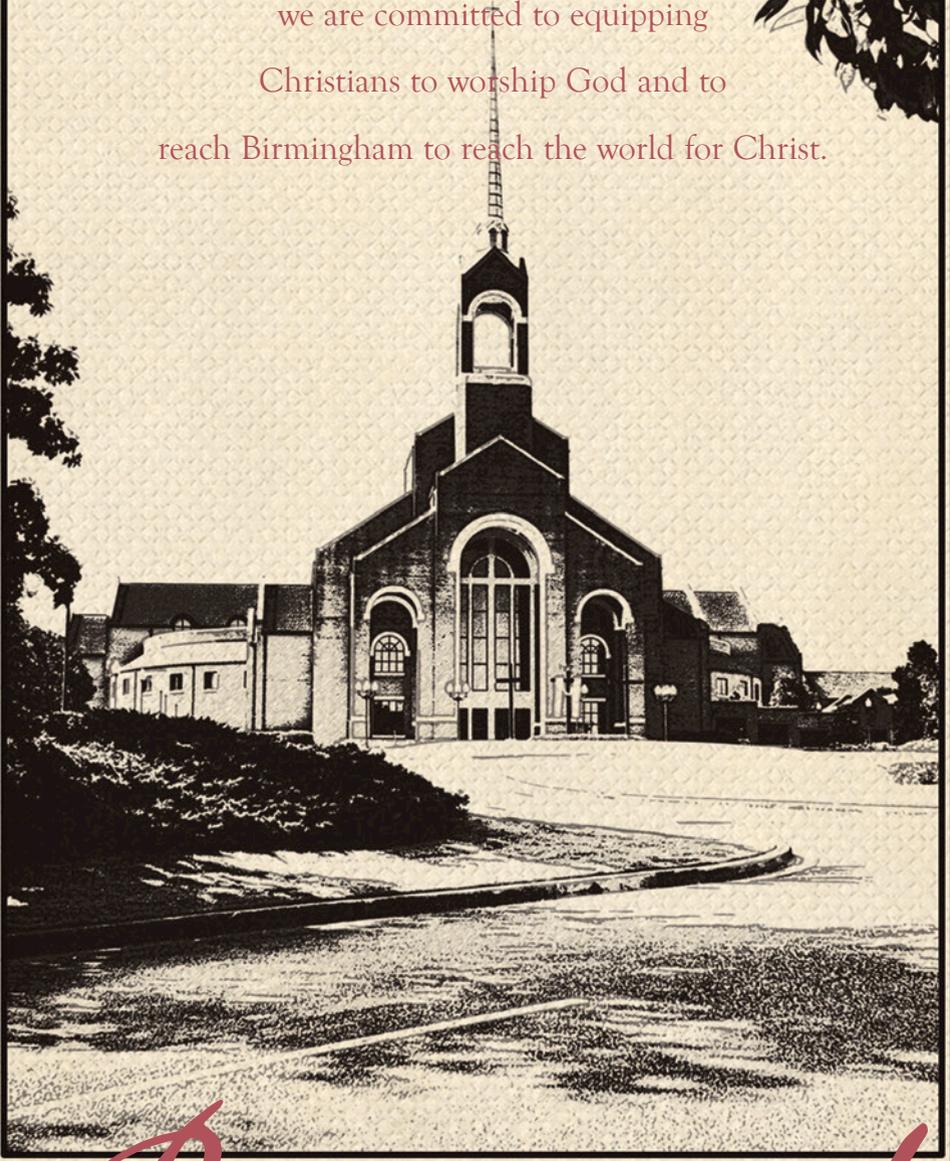




For God's glory,
we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

PALM SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - March 25, 2018

Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Menuetto" from *String Quartet, Op. 72, No. 2* (Haydn)
Briarwood Strings

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

The Choral Call to Worship

"Hail, Lord and Master" from *St. John Passion* (Bach)

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

***The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

***The Hymn of Ascents and Palm Processional**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Hymn 173

The Ministry of Worship through Music

"Doxology/To God Be the Glory"
The Briarwood Children's Ministry

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5

The Worship of God through Song

"The Holy City" (arr. Hamilton)
Audrey Jowers, soloist

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
II Corinthians 9:7

*The Congregational Response of Thanksgiving

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Confession of Truth

Psalm 24:7-10

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"This Is Amazing Grace"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

John 12:12-26

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

Palm Sunday

"The Triumphal Entry and the Moment is Now"

John 12:12-26

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Hymn 228 vv. 1, 4

The Postlude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Threlfall)

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

† K4-3rd grade dismiss to the Children's Auditorium for Children's Worship.

Following the 8:00 service, Children's Worship participants will be escorted to their Sunday School rooms.

Following the 10:55 service, please pick up K4-3rd grade children in the Children's Auditorium.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform.

Large-print copies of the Order of Worship and audio receivers for the hearing impaired are available at the Information Center. The 8:00 a.m. service is also "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and the 10:55 a.m. service video is also available online at briarwood.org/livetv.

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Fellowship of Believers

THE EVENING SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

The Passion of Christ

A Dramatic Concert Presentation
from the J.S. Bach *St. John Passion*

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father, David! Hosanna in the highest!* (Mark 11:9, 10)

Pray for those attending this evening's *The Passion of Christ* who do not know Jesus to have their hearts filled with love and joy through the power of our Holy Spirit. Pray they will receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Missions Prayer Focus—Pray for Ben and Sara Sciacca as he ministers as the Executive Director of Restoration Academy. The Academy believes that every child in the Birmingham area deserves an excellent, Christ-centered education by leading them to love God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as ourselves.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Holy Week offers every Christian the opportunity to meditate on the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It culminates in the celebration of His Easter resurrection, conquering death for all who believe.

Our 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service will be a time of reflection and Communion as we remember the Last Supper. A special service at noon on Good Friday will focus on the cross and the last words of Christ. Then, as in the Scriptures, with the coming of dawn of that resurrection morning, we will gather at our Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in Parking Lot A to be blessed in the expression of worship. Remember to invite friends and family to our 8:00 and 10:55 Easter morning services of celebration and our evening service at 6:00 p.m. to hear recording artists Gary and Amy Wixtrom. The Wixtroms use the harp and the guitar to create a blend of elegant classic/folk psalms, hymns, and songs.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2018

Serving in the Nursery today: Discovery

Hospitalized: Lee Bullock, Celia Albright, Marni Ulch, Brooke Sanders, Louis Henderson

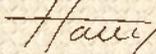
Our love and sympathy to Margaret Austin and family on the death of her son, Don Austin, on Mar. 13; to Boo Mason and family on the death of his mother, Mary Louise ‘Bitty’ Mason, on Mar. 16; to the family of member, Betty Nunnally, who died on Mar. 17; and to Jane Moore, Stewart Moore and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Billie Sasser, on Mar. 17; and to Pat Gordon and family on the death of his sister, Jackie Knode on Mar. 14.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Linda Faulkner from Robert and Patti Harwell.

Welcome, Guest

We're delighted you are worshipping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have and minister to you in any way. After the service, please stop by the foyer so that we may offer you a small gift to acknowledge your presence with us. I pray that this morning's worship will be all about Him and not about us, and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

For Christ, His Cross and His Crown,



Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Calendar *of the* Week

For a full listing of calendar events, visit our website at briarwood.org/calendar.

* Nursery provided - please make weekday reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.
Special needs care available - call June Cork, 776-5291.

SUNDAY	* 8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service - Worship Center
	* 8:00 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer - Prayer Room
	* 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	* 10:55 a.m.	Morning Worship Service - Worship Center
	* 10:55 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer - Prayer Room
	1:30 p.m.	Japanese Worship Service - G101
* 7:00 p.m.	<i>The Passion of Christ</i> - Worship Center	
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MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
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TUESDAY		No scheduled activities
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WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105
	* 6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
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THURSDAY	* 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service - Worship Center
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FRIDAY		Church and School Offices Closed (gates open at 10:00 a.m.)
	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service - Worship Center
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'

The *Holy Week Daily Devotional Guide* will aid you in your personal and family worship as you contemplate the events of this solemn week.

The Guide is included with today's bulletin and also available online at briarwood.org/devotional.

Announcements

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Mar. 29 in the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts to receive communion. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten free.

The Church and School Offices will be closed on Fri., Mar. 30 for Good Friday. Gates will open from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. for the Good Friday Service at noon.

reThink Conference: Focus—Apr. 20–21 at Briarwood. This student apologetics conference is designed for jr. high, high school, and college-aged students. Register at rethinkapologetics.com/alabama. Special member price ends Apr. 1.

VBS registration begins Apr. 4! Register your children at briarwood.org/vbs. Vacation Bible School is June 5–9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class—Sun., Apr. 8. This class for newcomers and prospective members includes two Sunday mornings (Apr. 8 and 15), a Wed. night (Apr. 11), a Sat. morning (Apr. 14), and a luncheon (Apr. 22; only if joining). Attending does not obligate you to join. For more information or to sign up, call 776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

We want YOU...to help with VBS. 1) Sign up to help in the Nursery—shepherding the 2's, 3's, or 4's. Make a difference in a child's life and sign up at briarwood.org/nursery/ 2) Rising K5–6th grades still need 47 shepherds. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org to sign up or see a volunteer list at briarwood.org/vbs under staff needs.

We need 1000 empty Crystal Light containers for VBS. Turn collected containers into the VBS mailbox.

Global Ministry Audio Archives—Hear all nine messages given during the recent Global Ministries Conference now at briarwood.org/gmcaudio.

Clothing Only, Please!—Please do not leave any items at the church besides clothing for your Thrift Store donations. We have limited storage space in our shipping/receiving area.

TRAILBLAZER Travel—June 18–22. Volountouring Trip to Global Aid Network in Lancaster, Pa where they prepare aid for emergencies worldwide. Enjoy local sites, a show at Sight & Sound, as well as assist in aid preparation. For a brochure go to briarwood.org/trailblazers, call 776-5320 or email delliott@briarwood.org.

Intercessory Prayer—Volunteer to pray for our worship services on Sunday mornings in the Prayer Room. Signup at briarwood.org/intercessoryprayer.

Current Job Openings (*more listed at briarwood.org/employment*)

Junior High Ministry Director. Full-time position working under the Youth Pastor to include programming, personal ministry, volunteer recruiting and developing, assisting parents, discipling and shepherding students. Send résumé to Jay Shaw at jshaw@briarwood.org or call 776-5269.

Part-Time Accountant. Briarwood seeks a part-time accountant with prior experience in compensations and benefits. Three years accounting experience, proficiency in Microsoft Office and accounting degree preferred. Hours are Mon.–Fri. 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Email résumé to fmorris@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Christian School Superintendent. Seeking a committed Christian leader to effectively lead our faculty to embrace the school's mission. Master's degree required.

Briarwood Christian School Director of Accounting. Full-time, includes benefits. For information on BCS positions, visit briarwoodchristianschool.org/employment.

See full details on all positions at briarwood.org/employment.



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Introduction:

THE MOMENT

LIFE TAKEAWAY