

Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



For God's glory

We are committed to equipping

Christians to worship God

and to reach Birmingham

to reach the world for Christ



Celebration of Worship

ENGAGE

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - August 12, 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 “O Zion Haste” (Thomson)

O Lord, my heart and mind are prone to wander, even when I come into Your presence in public worship each Lord's Day. Grant me grace that I may fix my whole heart upon You and ponder the greatness of Your love for me as expressed through the giving of Your Son on my behalf on the cross of Calvary. And in response, allow me to pour forth praise from my heart and lips as I worship You with all my being! Purge my heart of earthly longings and grant to me a heart that loves You fully, hungers for Your Word, unselfishly loves and shepherds those whom You have placed in my life, and seeks to live daily in such a way as to fulfill Your purposes in my life for the advancement of Your Kingdom.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn and Song of Ascents

“Rise Up, O Church of God” Hymn 293 vv. 1, 2 · “O Church, Arise”

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 Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:7

The Ministry of Music

“Build My Life”
Dan Thomas and Praise Team

*The Confession of Truth

Romans 12:4-8

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“Show Us Christ”

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 Exposition of God’s Word

Mr. Greg Koukl

ENGAGE Conference

“The Columbo Tactic: How to Maneuver with Grace in Any Conversation”
Colossians 4:5-6

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

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

The Postlude

“When I Can Read My Title Clear” (Watts)

* 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 - 6:00 P.M.

ENGAGE Conference

“The Cross: Theology Impacts Our Methodology in Witness”

Mrs. Becky Pippert

“Contend Earnestly for the Faith”

Mr. Greg Koukl

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.* (Psalm 1:1, 2)

Pray for the persecuted church. Pray for God's amazing grace to cover all of those who remain steadfast in Him, no matter the harsh circumstances they endure daily.

Missions Prayer Focus—Pray for Wes and Nancy Simmons as he ministers to Auburn students with Reformed Univ. Fellowship. RUF exists to announce and demonstrate to the world the words and work of Jesus. Pray for his team to be unified in their mission to reach students for Christ and equip them to serve.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Join us tonight as we continue our Engage Conference. Both Becky Pippert and Greg Koukl will speak followed by a question and answer time.

Becky's message will be: *“The Cross: How Theology Impacts Our Methodology in Witness.” “Many of us feel inadequate when it comes to evangelism. Yet understanding the cross will set us free to relate authentically and lovingly to even the most unlikely looking people! Because the cross reveals that we all share the same problem and we all need the same cure. We have more in common with others than we realized!”*

Greg will speak on: *“How to Contend Earnestly for the Faith.” “Here at the beginning of the 21st Century, ambassadors for Christ face trouble on two fronts. First, there is an increasingly pervasive godlessness and almost militant hostility to Christianity in the culture. Second, there is a profound biblical illiteracy among believers. Consequently, it has become increasingly difficult to ‘contend earnestly for the faith,’ as Jude 3 admonishes. This talk is a practical encouragement for followers of Christ to fight the good fight, finish the course, and keep the faith.”*

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2020

Serving in the Nursery today: Homefront, Leveraging Life

Hospitalized: Tom Leopard, Wayne Pate, Mary Elizabeth 'Liz' Pate, Chuck Burgess, Carrie Bush, Laura Comoglio, Linda Rose, Ron Dougherty, Hadden Smith

We rejoice with Andrew and Noelle Miller on the birth of their son, Joshua Edwin, on Aug. 4.

Our love and sympathy to Debbie Wood and Sarah Reed and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Dorothy Garrett, on Aug. 2; to Emily Wiggins and family on the death of her brother, Jim Garner, on Aug. 4; to Ethan Vice and family on the death of his father, Basil Gerald Vice, Jr., on Aug. 4; and to Lynn Holcombe and family on the death of her father, Lee Madrazo, on Aug. 6.

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

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 K-6th grade
	* 9:30 a.m.	All Womens's Convocation - FH
	* 9:30 a.m.	All Mens's Convocation - Worship Center
	* 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
	* 6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Worship Center
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MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
	6:15 p.m.	CMMA Couples - Walkers'
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TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Long-term Health Care Seminar - FH
	6:30 p.m.	CMMA Singles - Simpsons'
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WEDNESDAY	9:45 a.m.	CMMA Side-by-Side - Caroline House
	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105
	7:00 p.m.	Early Music Mini Concert - Worship Center Lobby
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THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Room/Men: W203
	7:00 p.m.	Barker Bible Study - Cahaba Ridge (3090 Healthy Way)
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FRIDAY		No activities
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'

Food/Diaper/Wipe Drive on Aug. 19

Bring your non-perishables, diapers and wipes on Sunday morning and leave them behind your vehicle while you are in church or Sunday School. Drive benefits Oak Mountain Missions and Fostering Hope Ministry.



Announcements

Pastor's Inquirers' Class begins today in the Library at 9:30 a.m. for newcomers and prospective members. Attending does not obligate you to join. Come today and get more details.

Tonight for Children—Rising K5–1st grade meet in M111 for ABC Bible Memory. M&M Club (for rising 2nd–6th grade) meet in the Children's Auditorium.

Persecuted Church Prayer—All are welcome to join us tonight in G103 at 5:00 p.m. to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Friendship Partners—Apply for the fall semester of students and scholars arriving at UAB and Jeff State. If you are interested in learning more, you are invited to an information meeting on Aug. 14 or 28 at the Caroline House from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Contact Laura Danner at ldanner@briarwood.org or 776-5343 for details.

Early Music Mini Concert—Wed., Aug. 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Lobby featuring our Chamber Ensemble, Birmingham Baroque and James Overton. No admission fee; a love offering will be received.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Aug. 19 in the morning services. 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.

Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group—Join us Tues., Aug. 21 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 to share concerns and practical strategies. Call 776-5320 with questions.

"Prelude to Precept" Introductory Class—Thurs., Aug. 30 in G101 at 9:30 a.m. Free class designed to teach how to study the Bible inductively for new Precept students, but all are welcome. Bring Romans workbook and Bible. Buy book in the Women's Ministry Office.

Parent's Meeting for the Fall Children's Communicant Class—Sun., Sept. 9. Pray and discuss with your child about the class and becoming a communing member. Class begins Sept. 30. For info and to sign up your child, call Page Dollar at 776-5526.

MidWeek dinner volunteers needed. Contact Sheri Smith at ssmith@briarwood.org or 776-5374 if you can help.

Host Homes Needed—Have an extra bedroom and want to make an impact on a future leader? The Briarwood Fellows is in need of host families for the incoming class of fellows. Contact Seth at seth@briarwoodfellows.org.

Briarwood Christian School has openings for the fall in K4–5th grades. Consider a Christian education for your child. Visit briarwoodchristianschool.org and contact Kelly Mooney at kmooney@bcsk12.org for information.

2018–19 School Year—Are you planning to hold your child back? To make sure we place him or her in the appropriate Sunday School class, email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Fall Soccer Season—For boys and girls age 5–15. Open to the public. Register now by calling 776-5114 or at briarwoodsoccer.com.

Donate your teacups/saucers for the 3rd International Women's Tea Outreach on Aug. 22 for our international student, scholar, and community guests. Donations can be left in the Missions Office. For information, email Laura Danner at ldanner@briarwood.org.

Crown Ministry—Save more, become debt free, invest for retirement, be a good financial steward. Join a new group Sept. 5. Register at dmatthews@briarwood.org. Book cost is \$30/single and \$50/couple.

Theological Training—BTS Fall semester begins Sept. 4 and registration is now open. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Short on time? Look for our mini-term in October. Call 776-5356 or visit bts.education.

Job Openings—See a complete listing with details at briarwood.org/employment.