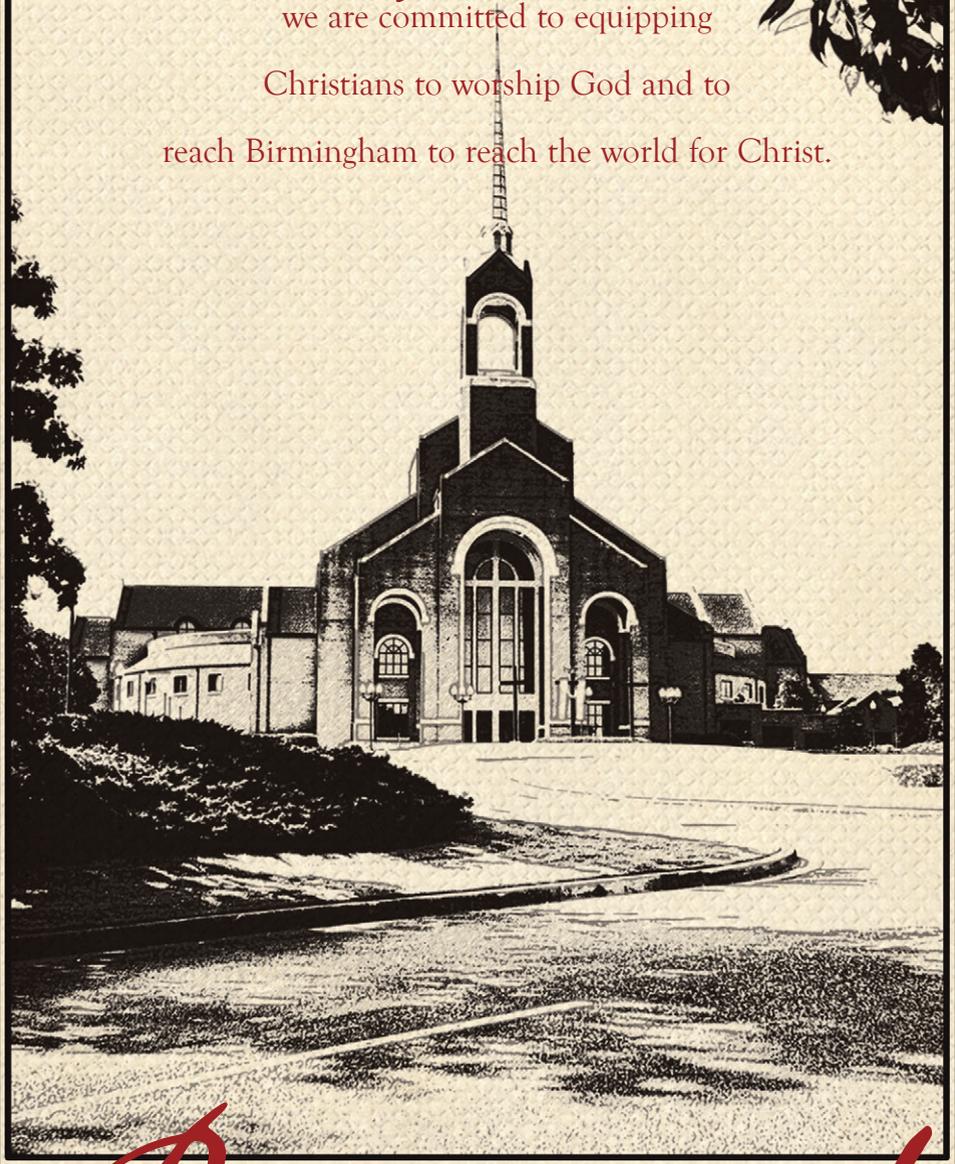




For God's glory,
we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - September 2, 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

Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are of Israel's fountain! Psalm 68:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"How Can I Keep from Singing?" (Lowry)

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

from Psalm 51

The Praise Team Introit

"Hymn of the Holy Spirit" (Barrett)

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 262

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172

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

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

The Choral Offering of Worship

"Name of All Majesty" (K. Lee Scott)

*The Confession of Truth

Westminster Shorter Catechism, qq. 4-6

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Jesus, Only Jesus" · *"Revelation Song"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Exodus 20:18-23

The Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Benny W. Parks

"From Fear to Fear"

Exodus 20:18-23

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"The Doxology with Alleuias"

The Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal" (Shurtleff)

* 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.

"Wellspring of Weakness"

II Corinthians 12:9-10

Rev. Ray Tucker

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your Name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your Name forever and ever.* (Psalm 145:1, 2)

Pray for Fall Midweek beginning Wed., Sept. 5. Pray for Sherri as she serves wonderful meals each week, our teachers as they lead us in studies and for our evangelism groups who will be going out to share the Gospel. Pray many will come to Jesus.

Missions Prayer Focus—Pray for Briarwood’s Friendship Partner program to find families and individuals to share time each month with international students and scholars from UAB or Jeff State. Pray that hearts and homes will open in hospitality for kingdom impact with these visitors from around the world.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

This fall, meet your church family Wednesday evenings at Briarwood MidWeek!

This Wednesday night, Sept. 5, activities begin anew starting with the Fellowship Dinner from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Then at 6:30 there’s a full slate of classes and activities for the entire family. From choir and orchestra to seminary classes—and everything in-between!

You can see this complete listing on the Briarwood App, at briarwood.org/midweek, and in the brochure found on the information kiosks. Online, you can also save your dinner spot (reserve by Tuesdays at noon) and reserve your child’s space in the Nursery. Nursery drop-off begins Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. You’ll also find the Briarwood Bookstore open until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for all your book needs. We’ll see you Wednesday night!

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2018

Serving in the Nursery today: Abundant Life

Hospitalized: Tom Leopard, Pauline Reebals, Ray Richards

We rejoice with Ian and Tara Flaniken on the birth of their daughter, Annie Catherine, on Aug. 5, and with grandparents Jeff and Angie Flaniken; with Nathan and Sarah McIntosh on the birth of the son, Levi James, on Aug. 20; and with Aaron and Katie Phillippe on the birth of their son, Nathan Cruz, on Aug. 23

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Daryl O’Barr on his death on Aug. 26; and to the family of member Susan Bowden on her death on Aug. 27.

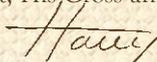
Parent’s Meeting for the Fall Children’s Communicant Class will be Sun., Sept. 9. Pray and discuss with your child about going through the class and becoming a member. Class begins Sept. 30. For info and to sign up your child, call Page Dollar at 776-5526.

Men of the Covenant is looking for men who love Christ and want to lead other men. If you are interested in a simple way to disciple other men at a fall study, contact Eric Reebals about leading a table at ereebals@briarwood.org or 776-5338.

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
* 6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Worship Center	
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MONDAY		Church and School offices closed
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TUESDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Studies - G101; FH-A
	6:30 p.m.	CMMA Singles - Simpsons'
	6:15 p.m.	WOC Study: Job - G101A
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WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105
	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner - FH
	* 6:30 p.m.	MidWeek Classes and Activities for all ages
	6:30 p.m.	Raiders@The Barn - The Barn
	7:00 p.m.	BYG@The Barn - The Barn
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THURSDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Studies - G101; FH-A
	9:30 a.m.	Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Rm/Men: M200
	7:00 p.m.	Barker Bible Study - Cahaba Ridge (3090 Healthy Way)
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FRIDAY	6:30 a.m.	MOC Bible Study - FH-F
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'



Announcements

Today is the first Sunday of the Fall Sunday School Quarter. Class listings can be seen in the brochure on the church info kiosks and at the Lobby Information Desk.

Tonight for Children—All K5–6th graders will be in the Gym for a lesson and games.

Church and school offices will be closed on Mon., Sept. 3 for Labor Day.

Fall Nursery—Please go online and sign up for any Bible Study and/or MidWeek event you will be attending. Go to briarwood.org/nursery and follow the reservation link.

Theological Training—BTS Fall classes begin Sept. 4. People of all ages and backgrounds are taking classes! Call 776-5650 or visit bts.education. Ask about our free course this fall.

Bookstore Extended Hours—Sept. 4–6 and Sept. 10 from 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. BTS books are arriving daily. Call 776-5210 to check availability or our competitive pricing.

Counseling in the Local Church begins Wed., Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in A209; taught by Dr. Stephen Cloud. Build your knowledge to conduct more effective personal ministry. Contact 776-5227 or altadena@briarwood.org for details.

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 for singles and \$50 for couples.

GriefShare begins Wed., Sept. 5 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, come to this 13-session class.

Persecuted Church Prayer—Sun., Sept. 9 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are welcome to join us in prayer for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

7th–12th grade Youth Worship Choir—Come Sun., Sept. 9 at 5:00 p.m. to the Choir Room. We'll have a great time of worship, fellowship, and praise as we develop our talents for the Lord and prepare for our Spring Trip. No experience necessary...just come!

The Briarwood Choir Wants YOU! Come to the choir loft any Wed. at 6:30 p.m., or attend Singing School any Wed. from 7:00–7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. No obligation to join, just come and check it out!

Children's Choirs Resume—Sun., Sept. 9 from 6:15–7:15 p.m. Register today at briarwood.org/childrenschoirs. Contact Shanna Phillips 776-5353 for information.

Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer—All are invited to gather for prayer Sun., Sept 9 at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

Trail Life Open House and Lego Derby—Mon., Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Gym. Trail Life is a Christ-centered, character-building outdoor adventure program for boys ages 5–18. Visit [Facebook.com/TLAL254/events](https://www.facebook.com/TLAL254/events).

Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members begins Sept. 16. Includes two Sunday mornings (Sept. 16 and 23), a Wed. night (Sept. 19), a weekend (Sat. morning, Sept. 22) and a luncheon (Sept. 30; only for those joining). Attending does not obligate you to join. Contact 776-5208 or wlong@briarwood.org to sign up.

Gary Palmer—Come to the Trailblazer Sunday Luncheon, Sept. 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the FH to hear our 6th district congressman's update on Washington. Tickets \$8 at briarwood.org/trailblazers or in the Bookstore.

2018 Briarwood Prayer Summit—We are called by God to live lives of prayer, praying at all times. Our culture begs us to pray. But do we? Join us Sept. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the FH as Al Baker leads us in prayer for revival.

Forgiven and Set Free—Free, confidential and caring small group Bible study for post-abortive women. Contact Heather Payne at 578-2022 for details.

Mommy & Me Ballet Class—Tuesdays in the Ballet Room from 9:15–10:00 a.m. for ages 18–36 months old. Call 776-5284 or go to briarwood.org/balletclasses for details.

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



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Exodus 20:18-23 (pages 61 in the ESV pew Bible)

I. The Reaction of the People to the Terrifying Majesty of God (18)

II. The Request of the People for a Mediator (19)

III. The Rationale Moses Gives for God's Terrifying Demonstration (20)

IV. The Reconciling Work of the Mediator (21-23)