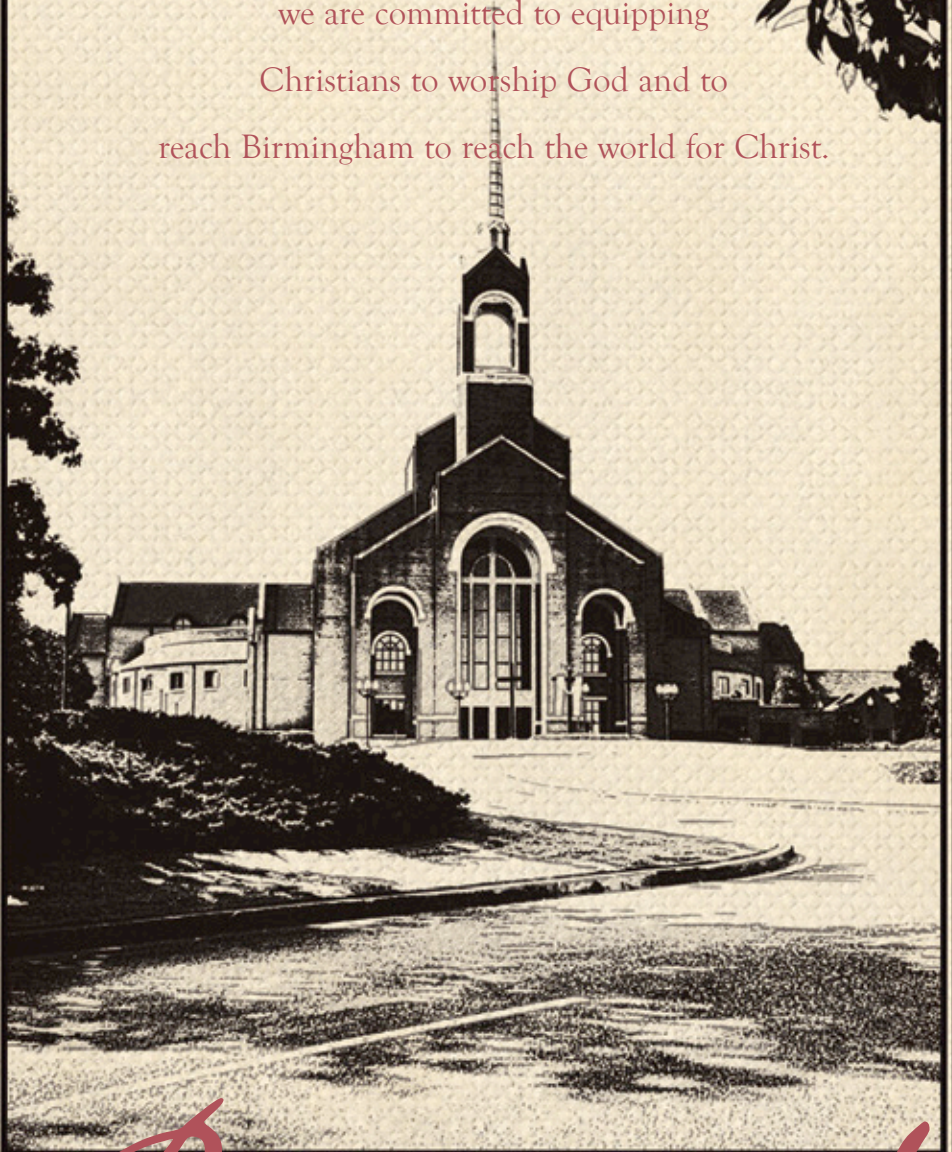




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Presbyterian Church, PCA



# Celebration of Worship

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## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - November 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

*I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18*

#### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

#### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" (arr. Bish)*

*Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.*

*Adapted from The Valley of Vision*

#### The Invocation

#### The Gospel Word of Salvation

#### The Receiving of New Members (10:55 a.m.)

#### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

#### \*The Hymns of Ascents

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Hymn 559 v. 1*

*"For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymn 560 vv. 1, 5*

*"We Gather Together" Hymn 561 vv. 1, 3*

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3*

#### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6*

#### 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 Choral Offering of Worship**

*Jubilate Deo: Psalm 100 "God the Lord Is Gracious" (Mendelssohn)*  
Briarwood Chamber Ensemble  
Ken Berg, conductor

**\*The Confession of Truth**

John 16:33; II Timothy 3:12-13

**\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**

*"This Is Amazing Grace" · "My Tribute" (refrain)*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:122*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*†The New Testament Reading**

I Peter 3:18-22

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

XXXI. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

*Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship*

*"Christian Suffering and the Suffering of Christ—Part 3"*

I Peter 3:18-22

**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**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"* Hymn 556 v. 1

**The Postlude**

*"I am Bound for the Promised Land"* (Stennett)

\* 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](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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# Fellowship of Believers

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THE EVENING SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP - 6:00 P.M.

Thanksgiving in Biblical Perspective

"A Reason to Give Thanks"

Psalm 100

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord. *For it is good to sing praises to our God, for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.* (Psalm 147:1)

Pray as the time draws near to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember His birth, life, death and resurrection. Rejoice in our coming King!

Missions Prayer Focus—Pray for Johan and Stephanie van der Westhuizen who serve with MTW in San Marcos, Chile, where there are very few Christians and suburbs with no church at all. Pray as they work toward building a new church plant and that they will be good gospel coaches and mentors. (*The flag of Chile is featured in today's worship service.*)

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer..."* Colossians 4:2a

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone special in the Worship Center this Christmas. Cost is \$20 per dedication by Dec. 2. Order using envelopes at the Info Desk, online at [briarwood.org/poinsettia](http://briarwood.org/poinsettia), or by visiting the Membership Office (A101).

Ponder before of the manger, imagine yourself as a shepherd, or reflect beside the cross or the empty tomb as you walk through the Briarwood Walk Through Nativity. As one of Birmingham's most poignant Christmas depictions, it is an exciting, memorable way to share the story of our Savior's birth with friends and family. For three days—Dec. 5, 6, and 7 from 6:45–8:45 p.m.—thousands of people will stroll the quarter-mile walk of 14 scenes with live actors and animals. Come by the FH afterwards to chat over coffee, hot chocolate and cookies. See a descriptive video at [briarwood.org/wtn](http://briarwood.org/wtn). Yard signs and postcards are available at the church exits.

Join our celebration and worship this Advent Season. Many people are open to visiting a church this time of year who otherwise might not. Think about those you can invite. See the full list of events here at [briarwood.org/advent](http://briarwood.org/advent).

## Our Church Family

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Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2020

Serving in the Nursery today: Next Step

Hospitalized: Charley Clark, Ray Richards, Margaret Allen Whittenburg, Barbara Pierce, Nancy Scott. Beth McCoun, Faye Kelso

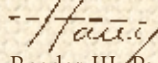
The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. Jim Collier from his wife, Pam, and family.

The 2019 Budget Information Meeting will be held Sunday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. in A105. Members of the Budget Committee will be present to answer your questions.

# 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,



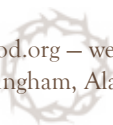
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## Calendar *of the* Week

For a full listing of calendar events, visit our website at [briarwood.org/calendar](http://briarwood.org/calendar).

\* Nursery provided - please make weekday reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Special needs care available - call June Cork, 776-5291.

SUNDAY	* 8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - 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 - Worship Center
	* 10:55 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer - Prayer Room
	1:30 p.m.	Japanese Worship Service - G101
	4:30 p.m.	Chapel Choir - M208
* 6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Worship Center	
6:00 p.m.	Raiders/BYG Small Groups - The Barn	
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MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
	6:15 p.m.	CMMA Couples Fellowship - Walkers'
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TUESDAY	6:30 p.m.	CMMA Singles Fellowship - Simpsons'
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WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105
	5:00 p.m.	Singing School - Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir - M208
	7:00 p.m.	Raiders@Skates 280 - 7043 Meadowlark Dr, 35242
	7:00 p.m.	BYG - The Barn
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THURSDAY	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		No scheduled activities
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'



# Announcements

**Welcome these new members joining today:** Rachel Austin; Gracie Barker; Taylor Barnes; Ernie Brown; Abigail Cheely; Ryan and Stephanie Corcoran; Noah and Rachel Despinasse; Pat Golden; Phin Huber; Melissa Irwin; Lauren Kirkemier; Jim, Kathy, Leighton and Callie Mann; Hope Migwi; Kathryn Morgan; April Morris; Jim and Peggy Parrish; Sam Philley; Anna Caroline Skinner; Amelia Steiner; Claudia Steiner; Peggy Vanek-Titus; Sam Wiggins; Doug and Becky Woodruff

***The Christmas Code***—This Advent devotional recommended by Pastor Reeder will lead you from Dec. 1 to Christmas Day and is now available in the Bookstore for \$3 (includes tax). Drop by today between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to get your copy.

**December in the Nursery**—SIGN-UP is needed for any Sunday night event in Dec. including the 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Services. Make reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

**Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer**—You are invited to gather for prayer Sun., Dec. 2 at 5:00 p.m. in W202. All are welcome.

***The Carols of Christmas***—Briarwood's Children's Choirs will present their Advent program next Sunday Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m. Diaconal gifts for all children will be presented after the concert.

**EMC video**—Go to [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc) to watch the Oct. 28 Convocation again (or for the first time). Don't miss these great stories of God at work here at Briarwood!

**Trailblazers Spring Trip**—Join us Apr. 8-13 as we travel to Savannah and Amelia, Jekyll and St. Simon Islands. For details, see the brochure at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email Sharon at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Nursery Committee**—If you are interested in being a part of the nursery committee, go to [Briarwood.org/nursery](http://Briarwood.org/nursery), follow the link at the bottom and fill out the information.

**24th Annual Meadow Brook Runs**—Sat., Dec. 15 to benefit the Jesus Video Project of Alabama. Start times: 5K at 9:00 a.m. and 1-mile Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. Walkers and pets on leash welcome. Go to [meadowbrookruns.org](http://meadowbrookruns.org).

**Job Openings**—See a complete listing with details at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

**Administrative Assistant for Briarwood International Outreach.** Seeking a Briarwood member for a part-time position in the Missions office. Knowledge of Microsoft Office is necessary. Please send résumé or email inquiries to Heather McDougall at [hmcDougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcDougall@briarwood.org).

**Jr. High Ministry Staff.** Seeking a female to shepherd and disciple our Junior High school girls through personal ministry and recruiting and training volunteers. Will work under the Junior High Director and with other youth staff. Call the Briarwood Student Ministry at 776-5269, or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**College Women's Coordinator.** Full-time ministry staff position requiring the ability to shepherd, disciple, and connect with college-aged women. Contact Rachel Laster at [rlaster@briarwood.org](mailto:rlaster@briarwood.org) to submit résumé.

**Grounds Helper.** Full-time position; includes benefits. Contact Robert at 776-5234 or [rclifton@briarwood.org](mailto:rclifton@briarwood.org).