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ADVENT 2018

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

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - December 30, 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

'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Gesu, Bambino" (Yon)

Almighty God, grant us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and place upon us the armor of light, as we sojourn in this life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life everlasting; through Him Who lives and ever intercedes for us.

The Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Advent Reading

The family of Dr. Frank Barker, Jr.

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Carol of Ascents

"Joy to the World" Carol 125

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:1

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

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10

The Choral Offering of Worship

"Fullness of Grace" (Getty/Townend)

*The Confession of Truth

The Nicene Creed

*The Season of Worship through Carols

"We Three Kings" Carol 166 vv. 1, 5
"One Small Child" Carol 164
"As with Gladness Men of Old" Carol 163

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

I John 2:12-17

The Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Mark Cushman

"The Only Thing"
I John 2:12-17

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

*The Carol of Preparation

"What Child Is This?" Carol 137 vv. 1, 2

*The Confession of Sin

The Receiving of the Elements

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"What Child Is This?" Carol 137 v. 3

The Postlude

"Mary, Did You Know?" (Hayes)

* 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.

"Building on THE Foundation in 2019"

Jude 17-25

Rev. Michael Wichlan

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* (John 1:1,1 4)

Pray for Briarwood members to take this year to pray more, read our Bibles more, study more, share more and love more. May we all be better disciples this year.

Missions Prayer Focus—Pray for Brett and Jamie Clark in Colorado Springs, Colo., as they work with Navigators to engage their community by serving and connecting others with the hope of the Gospel, building meaningful relationships within schools, military bases, businesses, government, and other ministry environments. (*The flag of Colorado is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Join us for the Women's Retreat this Feb. 1-3 in Huntsville, Ala., for a weekend of fellowship, laughter, rest and time in the Word. Our speaker, Abby Hutto, will focus our attention on the heart of the Father as we examine various encounters Jesus had with women in the Gospel of John. For more information or to register online before Jan. 9, go to briarwood.org/wocretreat.

Kick off 2019 with a seminary class! BTS is offering several Jan Term classes—Eschatology Jan. 3-5 (Thurs.-Sat. at Briarwood); Doctrine of Salvation Jan. 10-12 (Thurs.-Sat. in Huntsville and via video conference); and Church History in America Jan. 10-12 (Thurs.-Sat. in Montgomery and via video conference). Go to bts.education or call 776-5356.

Begin the new year in the Word by joining a men's or women's study group. Women of the Covenant and Men of the Covenant study group opportunities begin Jan. 7. See the list of all the studies on the Briarwood App or online at briarwood.org/women and briarwood.org/men.

Get recharged in the middle of the week this winter by coming to MidWeek at Briarwood, beginning Wed., Jan. 9. There are opportunities for the entire family to come together on Wednesday evenings for a Fellowship Dinner and to take part in a class or activity. See all the offerings for winter/spring 2019, as well as sign up for dinner and Nursery reservations on the Briarwood App or at briarwood.org/midweek. Make Wednesday evenings a time your family looks forward to every week!

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2018

Serving in the Nursery today: Mountain View

As 2018 comes to an end, the Accounting Office will close for the year Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m. Contributions received in the mail must be postmarked or cancelled by Dec. 31 to qualify as a gift in the year 2018. Contributions with Jan. 2019 postmarks will be considered 2019 contributions.

Welcome, Guest

We're delighted you are worshipping with us during this Advent season. 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 service of 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 - 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
* 6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Worship Center	
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MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
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TUESDAY		Happy New Year Church and school offices closed
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WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal - M208
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THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Rm/Men: M200
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FRIDAY		No activities
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'



Announcements

The church and school offices will be closed on Tues., Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday.

The church gates will close at 9:00 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 31 and re-open on Wed., Jan. 2 at 5:30 a.m.

Embers to a Flame Conference—If you enjoy hosting, serving, and making others feel welcome, consider joining our volunteer team for this Jan. 17–20 event! Contact Kim Vice at kvice@briarwood.org or 776-5399.

Crown Ministry—Save more, become debt free, start investing for retirement, and be a good financial steward. Join a new group during MidWeek, beginning Jan. 9. Contact dmatthews@briarwood.org to register. Book cost is \$30 (single) and \$50 (couple).

Register for CONNECT beginning Jan 9—If you have a K4–3rd grader who plans to attend CONNECT this semester please register online at briarwood.org/connect.

Counseling in the Local Church II begins Wed., Jan. 9 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.

GriefShare—Begins Wed., Jan. 9 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. For more details, call 776-5227.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members begins Jan 13. It includes two Sunday morning classes (Jan. 13 and 20), one Wed. night class (Jan. 16) and a luncheon on Jan. 27 for those joining. Attending does not obligate to join. For information or to sign up, call 776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Spring Friendship Partners—Join the fun! Information/Orientation session will be Thurs., Jan. 10. Deadline for applications is Fri., Jan. 18. For more information, contact Laura at ldanner@briarwoo.org.

Calling all men!—Sportsman's Blast is coming Feb. 15 and popular speaker Dr. John Morgan will be our guest. Tickets are on sale now in the Bookstore and online at briarwood.org/blast. Don't miss this opportunity to let a friend or relative hear the gospel.

Yucatan Spring Break Trip—Join Olan and Lynna Stubbs Mar. 25–30 to serve on this short-term mission trip involving construction projects and hosting a VBS. Go to reel-life.org/trips/yucatan for details.

Trailblazers Spring Trip—Join us Apr. 8–13 as we travel to Savannah and Amelia, Jekyll and St. Simons Islands. For details, see the brochure at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Birmingham Rally and March for Life—Join Dr. Frank Barker Sat., Jan. 12 at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park (22nd St. S. at 10th Ave). Rain or shine; families welcome!

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

Young Business Leaders Office Manager. Full-time position to manage banquets and outreach efforts; financial reporting. Ability to use Shelby and Microsoft Office essential. Email résumé to Phil Reddick at preddick@ybl.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 to submit résumé.

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. Contact Heather McDougall at hmcdougall@briarwood.org to submit résumé.