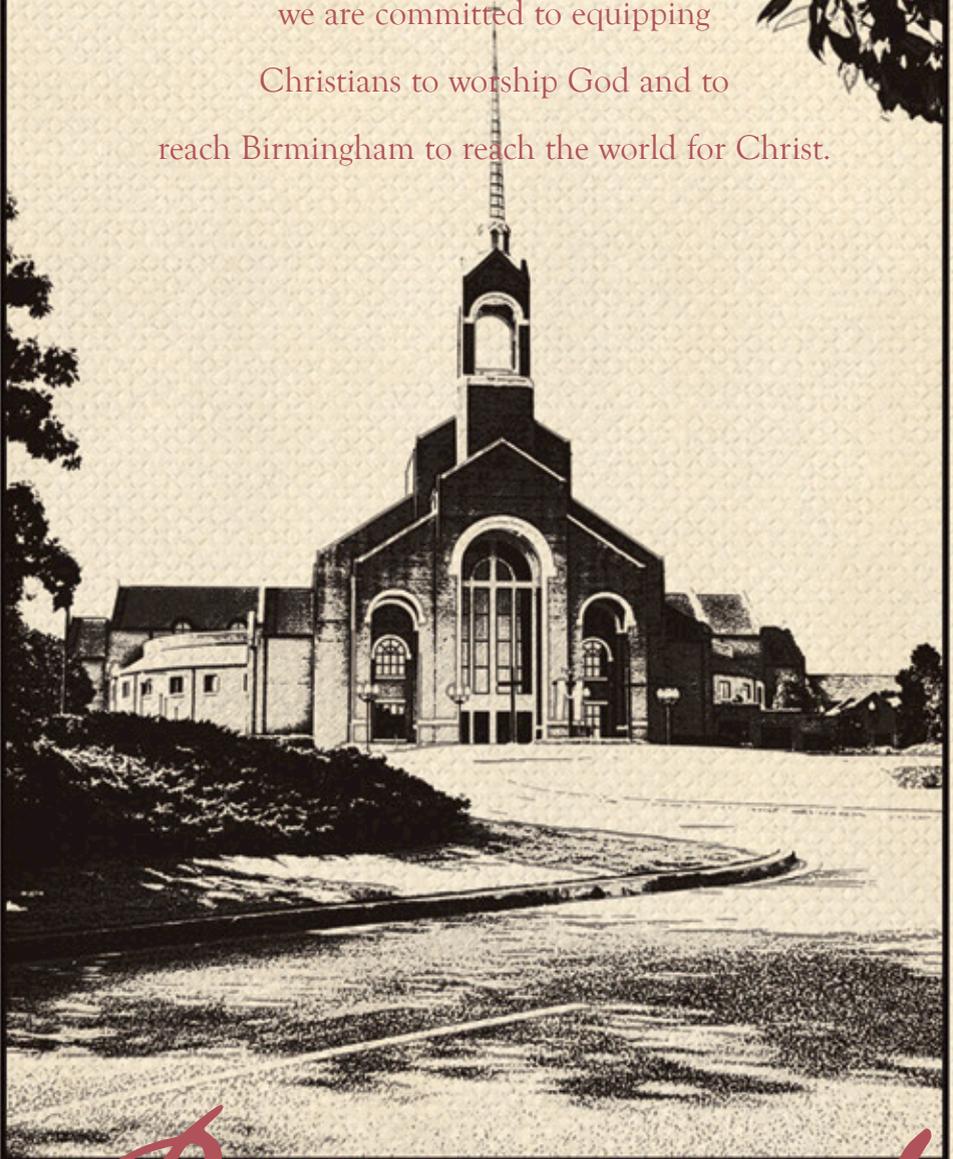




For God's glory,
we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

L.E.A.D.

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - January 6, 2019

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

For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession "Air in F Major" (Handel)

Our great God and Sovereign of the universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, and to love us with an everlasting love and redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymn 8
"O Praise the Name" (Sampson)

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

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

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:19, 20

The Choral Offering of Worship

"Be Still and Know" (MacDonald)

*The Confession of Truth

The Apostles' Creed

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXII. L.E.A.D. in Biblical Perspective

Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship

"Discipleship 101"

Matthew 28:16-20

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

The Postlude

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (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.

I. Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective

From Vanity to Vitality

"Meet the Preacher"

Ecclesiastes

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)

Pray for the MidWeek activities that begin this week. Pray for those teaching and leading activities as they prepare. Pray we will grow stronger in the Lord this year.

Missions Prayer Focus—Pray for Fred and Jean Klett as they serve with CHAIM in Glenside, Pennsylvania, a reformed ministry to Jewish people. Pray that their street evangelism efforts over the holidays will be fruitful. Pray also for their work with the Rock of Israel church plant. (*The flag of Pennsylvania is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Joining a men's or women's study group and begin the new year in the Word. Women of the Covenant and Men of the Covenant study group opportunities begin tomorrow, Jan. 7. A list of studies are online at briarwood.org/women and briarwood.org/men or on the Briarwood App.

Don't miss your last chance to sign up, this Wed., Jan. 9, for the Women's Retreat. Join us Feb. 1–3 in Huntsville 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 and to register, visit our tables by the Bookstore and the Nursery or online at briarwood.org/wocretreat.

Come fellowship with your Briarwood family this Wed., Jan. 9 at MidWeek. There are opportunities for the entire family to come together for a Fellowship Dinner and to take part in a class or activity. See all the winter/spring 2019 list, 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 2019

Serving in the Nursery today: Growing Together

Hospitalized: Anne Gazzini, Matt Giddens, Steve House, Tom Lile, Lynn O'Neal, Nedia Rooker, Florence Salmer, Regina Gabriel, Bert Mullis, Liz Pate

Our love and sympathy to Ginny Catalano and family on the death of her sister, Mary Frahm-Kremer, on Dec. 25; to Jane Boyd and family on the death of her father, Bob McConnell, on Dec. 28; and to Mike Tedesco and family on the death of his brother, Larry Tedesco, on Dec. 31.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Trenton Ellison from his wife, Jan.

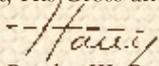
Spring Friendship Partners Information/Orientation will be Thurs., Jan. 10. Deadline for applications is Fri., Jan. 18. For information, contact Laura at ldanner@briarwood.org.

Pocket Change deposited into wall containers around the church is used by the Executive Mercy Ministry monthly to distribute food for those in need.

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	6:30 a.m.	MOC Bible Study - FH-E&F
	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Study: Isaiah - M200
	9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
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TUESDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Studies
	* 10:00 a.m.	Caroline Circle - FH-F
	6:30 p.m.	CMMA Singles - Simpsons'
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WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105
	10:00 a.m.	Knitting Ministry - A205
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner - FH
	* 6:30 p.m.	MidWeek Classes and Activities for all ages
	6:30 p.m.	Raiders Rally - The Barn
7:00 p.m.	BYG @ The Barn - The Barn	
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THURSDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Thursday Bible Fellowship - FH-A
	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Precept Bible Study: Philippians - FH-A
	* 9:30 a.m.	Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Rm/Men: W203
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FRIDAY	6:30 a.m.	MOC Bible Study - FH-E&F
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'

Begin 2019 in the Word with a devotional or One-Year Bible Reading Plan recommended by Pastor Reeder. Suggested devotionals and reading plans are available in the Bookstore.

Announcements

- Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer**—You are invited to gather for prayer tonight at 5:00 p.m. in W202. All are welcome.
- 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** for those adjusting to the death of a loved one begins Wed., Jan. 9 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. For more details, call Pastoral Care at 776-5227.
- BTS Jan Term classes**—*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.
- 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!
- Persecuted Church Prayer**—Sun., Jan. 13 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 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 you to join. For information or to sign up, call 776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.
- Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group**—Come Tues., Jan. 15 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 776-5227.
- Embers to a Flame Conference—Jan. 17–20.** Hospitality volunteers needed to provide housing and/or transportation to attendees and seminary students. Also, volunteers needed for assembly of workbooks and the prayer team. Contact Kim at 776-5399 or kvice@briarwood.org.
- Calling all men!**—Sportsman's Blast is 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. Invite a friend or relative to hear the gospel!
- Job Openings**—See a complete listing with details at briarwood.org/employment.
- Power Point Operator.** College age and up. Needed for Sun. services and Wed. rehearsals. Music reading a plus. Contact Frank Barker III at fb3@briarwood.org.

The Briarwood pulpit ministry in 2019 will begin with a short series of topical expository messages on the continuation of the Briarwood Ministry Theme for 2018–2019, *L.E.A.D.—Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship*. For 2019 our focus will be upon lifestyle discipleship while maintaining our emphasis on personal evangelizing—everyone evangelizing everybody everywhere every day. Then, we will continue the series *I Peter in Biblical Perspective—The Elect in the Exile*. In light of the fact that discipleship is committed to addressing life through a Christ-centered and biblically-informed world and life view, I am very excited about the new Sunday p.m. series, *Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective: From Vanity to Vitality*. Join us each Lord's Day morning and evening that we might grow by the Spirit of God through the Word of God to know, love and follow the God of the Word. Have a blessed New Year!

~Pastor Reeder