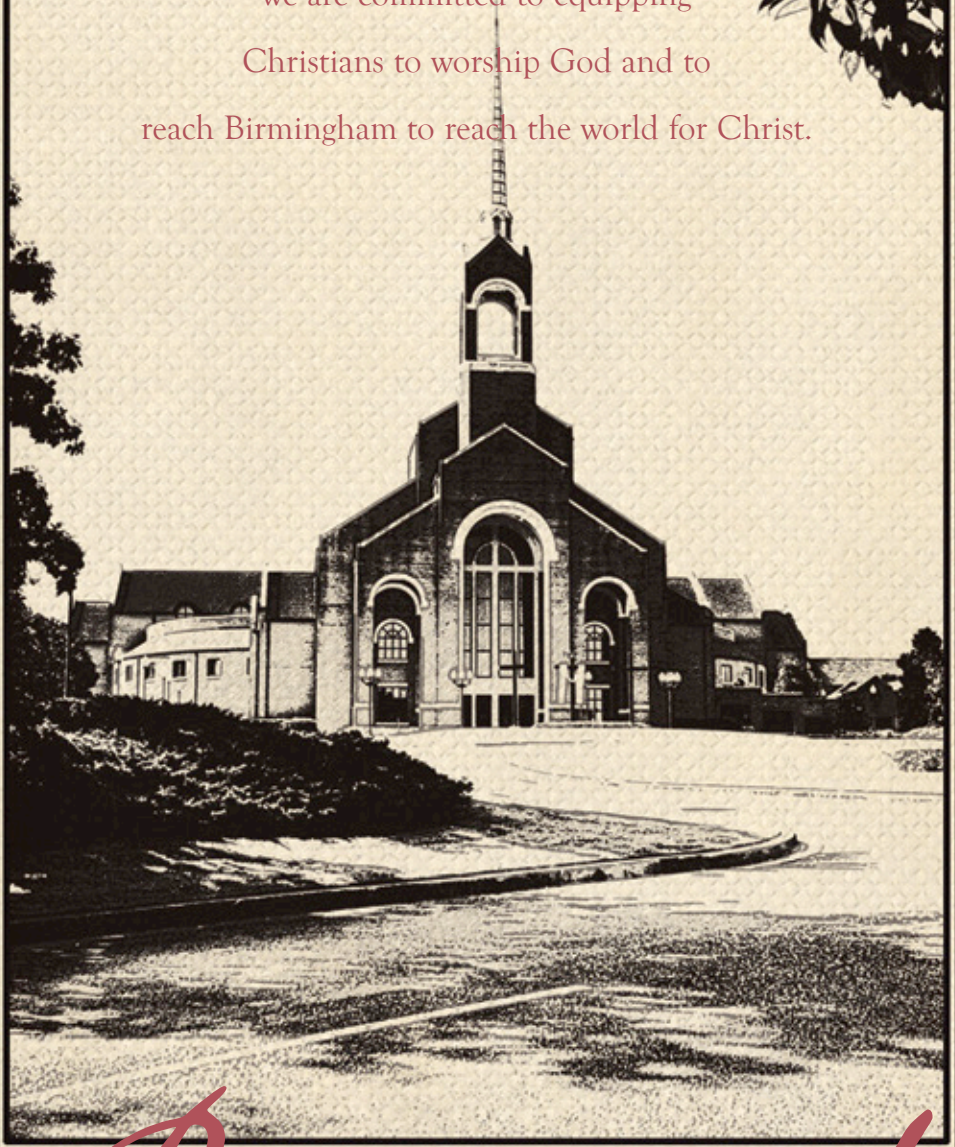




For God's glory,
we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

L.E.A.D.

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - February 17, 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

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

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross, crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (arr. Berg)
Daniel Cason, soloist and Chamber Ensemble*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Hymn 59

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 Tithes 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 Choral Offering of Worship

"Name of All Majesty" (Scott)

*The Confession of Truth

The Apostles' Creed

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“All I Have Is Christ” · “O Great God”

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

John 12:20–27

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

I. Global Missions in Biblical Perspective

Leading the Nations to Jesus

“Sir, We Wish to See Jesus”

John 12:20–27

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“To God be the Glory” Hymn 66 v. 1

The Postlude

“My Country Tis’ of Thee”(Smith)

* 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.

VI. Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective

From Vanity to Vitality

“Vitality Over Vanity”

Ecclesiastes 5

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing.* (Psalm 100:1, 2)

Pray for the College Missions Conference, Feb. 22–24. Pray for the host homes needed and for those attending to embrace God’s call to reach the nations for Jesus.

Missions Prayer Focus—Pray for the Lord to guide all the preparations for our Global Ministries Conference, Feb. 24 to Mar. 3. Pray for our 31 missionaries as they travel to be with us, for the Briarwood families who will provide housing, and for conference speaker Dr. Neil Stewart to be God’s instrument to speak to our congregation.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Do you have a car to loan? Vehicles are needed for visiting conference missionaries. If you can help provide a vehicle, contact Heather at hmcDougall@briarwood.org.

Pamper our 21 missionary women attending the upcoming Global Ministry Conference with “favorite things” goodie bags. Bring cute dish towels, spices, note cards, manicure items, lotions, lip balms, bookstore gift certificates or other “favorites” they would enjoy. Drop off at the Women’s Ministry office by Tues., Feb. 19.

Brush up on your baking skills and decorate a cake for the annual cake contest on Tues., Feb. 26. To sign up, email Shawn at scbrower@briarwood.org.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2020

Serving in the Nursery today: Covenant Keepers/Firm Foundations

Hospitalized: Nancy Scott, Phyllis Walton, Pam Schatz, Jane Holman, Jim Howard, Jim Myhre, Regina Gabriel, Corky Rushin, Eric Stephens, Regina Phillips Gabriel, Gary Boyd

Our love and sympathy to Ed Bachofer and family on the death of his wife, member Nancy Bachofer, on Feb. 7; to Steve Janney and family on the death of his mother, Lois Janney, on Feb. 9; and to Wiley Jr., John, Mary Lee, Millie Livingston and family on the death of their father and grandfather, member Wiley Livingston, Sr., on Feb. 13.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Phil Brasher from wife, Ann, and family. The flowers in the Worship Center lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Nancy Bachofer from family.

Brothers and Sisters, We would like to thank you all so very much for your love and blessings on our 50th anniversary. We were overwhelmed with notes, gifts and your thoughtfulness towards us. We enjoyed the reception and all of your encouraging notes/cards. God bless you. ~Harry & Cindy

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 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
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir - Choir Room
	* 6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Worship Center
	6:00 p.m.	BYG/Raiders D-Groups - The Barn
	6:15 p.m.	Children leave worship for Children's Choirs
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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
	6:15 p.m.	CMMA-Monday's Couples - Walkers'
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TUESDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Studies
	11:45 a.m.	MOC Study - Cajun Seafood House (2531 Rocky Ridge Rd)
	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
	5:15 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 - G101
	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Precept Bible Study: Romans - FH-A
	* 9:30 a.m.	Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Rm/Men: W203
	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'

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Announcements

Nursery Volunteers needed for missions week! If you need service hours or just love to snuggle babies and play with toddlers, contact Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org or 776-5214.

Come serve in the Music Ministry! Whether Adult Choir or orchestra on Wednesday evening, or Youth, Children's or Bell Choirs on Sundays, there's a place for you to use your gifts! Call or email Penny Phillely at 776-5229 or pphillely@briarwood.org.

Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group—Come Tues., Feb. 19 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 776-5227.

Spring Soccer—Sign-up is open for boys and girls, ages 5–14. Registration forms on kiosks around the church, online at briarwoodsoccer.com or by calling 776-5114.

Bluegrass Fellowship—Come Thurs., Feb. 21 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. to the Choir Room to play or sing bluegrass, country or mountain music with us. All levels welcome! Call Jim Blackmon at 482-4119.

Do you have a child who loves to sing and dance? MoTowne Productions is an auditioned summer musical theatre camp for current 3rd–11th graders. Auditions are Feb. 23, with a new, more streamlined process. For details, go to mowntoneproductions.com.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Mar. 3 in the evening service. 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.

reThink Focus Conference—Apr. 26–27. A student apologetics conference at Briarwood. Register at briarwood.org/rethink. Early bird registration pricing ends Mar. 2. Briarwood Member student rate \$25 by Apr. 1.

Interested in serving in the Birmingham area? Go to briarwood.org/urban for information on volunteering with our local ministry partners.

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

Yucatan Spring Break Trip—Join Olan and Lynna Stubbs, Mar. 25–30, to serve on this short-term mission trip with construction projects, visiting homes and hosting a VBS. Families with children 6 and up are welcome. Go online to reel-life.org/trips/yucatan.

VBS 2019—Coming June 3–7. We are busy making plans, so mark your calendar to attend. Registration opens in April. Interested in volunteering at VBS? To sign up, email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. To sign up to help in the Nursery, click on the Nursery VBS Volunteer form at briarwood.org/nursery.

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

Youth/College Admin. Assistant. Seeking a full-time person responsible for office management, event planning, and anticipating/initiating the ministries' needs. Email Max Bunn at mbunn@briarwood.org with inquiries and résumé.

Worship/Music Ministry Associate. Seeking an individual for this full-time position who believes they are musically gifted and called to engage younger generations in multi-generational worship. Contact Penny Phillely at pphillely@briarwood.org or 776-5229.

Admin. Assistant for Women's Ministry. Part-time position for a Briarwood Church member working with the Women's Ministry Director. Proficiency in Microsoft Office required. Send résumé to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

Sr. High Ministry Staff. Seeking a female to shepherd and disciple our Sr. High school girls through personal ministry and recruiting and training volunteers. This full-time position will work under the Youth Director and with other youth staff. Call the Briarwood Student Ministry at 776-5269 or send résumé to jshaw@briarwood.org.