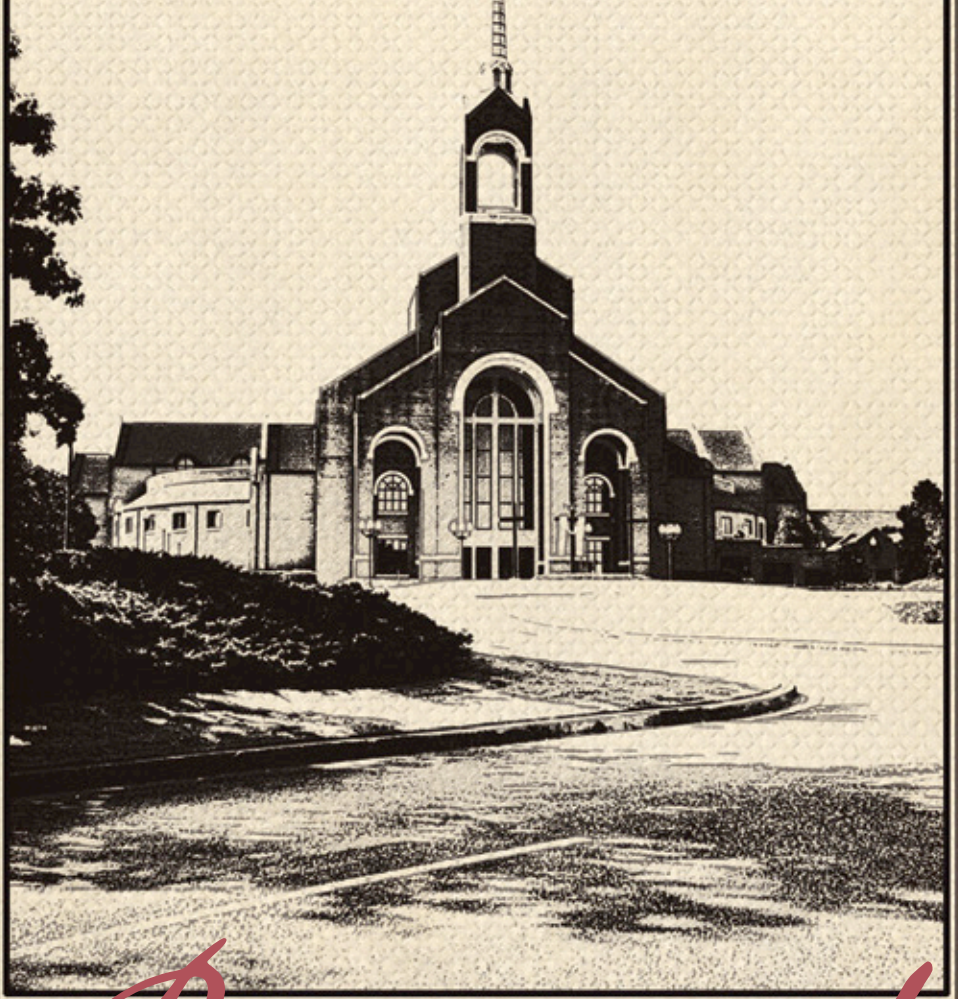




For God's glory,
we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

L.E.A.D.

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - March 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “Ah, Holy Jesus” (Heermann) Chamber Ensemble and Angie Flanniken, viola

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 Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” Hymn 241

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5

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

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

II Corinthians 9:6

The Choral Offering of Worship “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” (Rutter)

*The Confession of Truth Titus 2:11-14

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“Even So, Come” · “We Shall Behold Him” Hymn 237

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

I Peter 4:7–11

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

XXXVI. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

The Elect in the Exile

“The End of All Things as The Beginning of Everything”

I Peter 4:7–11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

The Postlude

“Voluntary on the 100th Psalm Tune” (Purcell)

* 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.

Texts used with permission granted through CCLI License agreement 124545.

Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version.



Fellowship of Believers

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

VIII. Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective

From Vanity to Vitality

“The Vitality of Wisdom and the Vanity of Folly”

Ecclesiastes 7

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Prayers and Praises

Praise the Lord. *I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth.* (Psalm 121:1, 2)

Pray for the 200 university students who attended the three-day College Global Missions Conference. Pray also for the 12 students who indicated they were interested in serving our Lord on a cross-cultural mission project.

Pray for Ryan and Kelly Akers with Campus Outreach at Samford University. Ryan is the Area Director and is responsible for shepherding and developing the Samford CO staff and helping provide strategic leadership to ministry there. (*The flag of Alabama is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities for Ministry and Growth

Share your time and your heart with children, youth, and adults with special needs. They want to get to know you! Volunteers needed during Sun. services as well as other events. Special Connections training is Tues., Mar. 19 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in G-101A. RSVP to June Cork at 776-5291 or jcork@briarwood.org.

Join us to pray for Urban Hope Community Church and urban ministries in the Fairfield/Birmingham area. Urban Ministry Prayer time is Sun., Mar. 24 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are welcome!

Today is the last chance to buy your lunch tickets to hear evangelist Scott Dawson, Tues., Mar. 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the FH. As a 21st century evangelist, Scott has the ability to share the good news of the Gospel with enthusiasm and clarity. Tickets are \$8 in the Bookstore and at briarwood.org/trailblazers. Make plans to come and bring a friend!

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2021

Serving in the Nursery today: Growing in Grace/The Oaks

Hospitalized: Paula Hurst, Sarah Massey, Maddie Bunn, Daniel Morson, Jim Myhre, Jo Anne Tyler, Hadden Smith III, Bonnie Richards, Clark Schatz, Rita Richards, Nancy Scott

We rejoice with James and Molly Spinks on the birth of their son, Bowen, on Mar. 1; and with Luke and August Griffith on the birth of their son, Calvin Wayne, on Mar. 7.

Our love and sympathy to Lisa Conry, Rachel Conry, Lindsey Blackmon, Ben Conry and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Gail Brockway, on Mar. 7; to Clark Schatz and family on the death of his wife, member Pam Schatz, on Mar. 10; to Neil Clay and family on the death of his brother, Rodney Clay, on Mar. 10; and to Marla McCully and family on the death of her father, Tom McCully, on Mar. 12.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Arthur Grey Till, Jr. from Jane Till and his daughters, Kara Ganter and Kimberly Powell.

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	
.....		
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'
.....		
TUESDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Studies
	6:30 p.m.	CMMA Singles - Simpsons'
.....		
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	
.....		
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:WC Lobby/Men:Prayer Rm
	7:00 p.m.	Barker Bible Study - Cahaba Ridge (3090 Healthy Way)
.....		
FRIDAY	6:30 a.m.	MOC Bible Study - FH-F
.....		
SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'

Announcements

Easter Lilies—Place a lily in the Worship Center for Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone. Cost is \$10 per dedication/plant. Order at briarwood.org/lily, use envelopes at the info desk and church kiosks, in the membership office (A101), or call 776-5282.

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

Attention Elders—The Stated meeting of the Session is Tues., Mar. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the FH-E&F.

Travel with Pastor Reeder—You're invited to join the Christian Discipleship Tour, Jul. 27–Aug. 6. "Travels of Paul" will be a unique and exciting trip aboard the historic Sea Cloud sailing vessel, visiting islands of Greece, including Patmos. See briarwood.org/travel or call Amy Lattner 776-5364.

Briarwood Korean Congregation help needed—English speaking SS teacher for their elementary-aged children from 11:20 a.m.–12:40 p.m. at 2209 Rocky Ridge Road, 35216. Lunch will be provided after Sunday school. Contact Pastor Im if interested at sim@briarwood.org or at 776-5414.

Meals needed—Show the love of Christ to the ladies of the *Forgiven and Set Free* post-abortion Bible study by preparing a meal for one of their meetings. Call Heather at 529-8875 to volunteer.

Briarwood Church Library—Take advantage of this great resource! Now you can search the library catalog and renew books online—just go to briarwood.org/library. We're here for you and your family!

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.

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.

Bluegrass Fellowship—Last Thurs. of the month from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you like to play or sing bluegrass, country or mountain music, come join us. All levels welcome! Call Jim Blackmon at 482-4119.

Mother's Day Out—A few openings remain this fall for one-year-olds on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. See briarwood.org/mdo for details, or contact Debbie Johnson at 776-5206 or djohnson@briarwood.org.

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

Membership Office Assimilation Coordinator. Part-time position for a Briarwood Church member interacting with a wide range of personalities and possessing administrative computer skills. Limited evening and weekend work. For questions or to apply, please send résumé to Wendy Long at wlong@briarwood.org.

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.

Power Point Operator. College age and up. Needed for Sunday services and Wednesday rehearsals. Music reading a plus. Contact Frank Barker III at fb3@briarwood.org.

College Women's Coordinator. Full-time position requiring the ability to shepherd, disciple, and connect with college-aged women. For information or to submit résumé, email Devin Pond at dpond@briarwood.org.



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church PCA

The Lord's Day Morning, March 17, 2019

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

XXXXVI. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

The Elect in the Exile

“The End of All Things as The Beginning of Everything”

I Peter 4:7–11 (page 1016 in the ESV pew Bible)

Introduction/Review:

THE END IS AT HAND!

I. Why?

II. What?

III. When?

Life Takeaway