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Christians to worship God and to
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Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

L.E.A.D.

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - March 24, 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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1" (Bach)
Anna Taylor, viola

O gracious God, my heart is drawn out in thankfulness to You, for Your amazing grace and condescension to me in influences and assistances of Your Spirit, for special help in prayer, for the sweetness of Christian service, for the thoughts of arriving in heaven, for always sending me needful supplies, for raising me to new life when I am like one dead. Give me special grace to fit me for special services, and keep me calm and resigned at all times, humble and solemn and conformed to Your will.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 262

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

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

The Choral Offering of Worship

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" (Scott)

*The Confession of Truth

Isaiah 45:22, 23

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

"*This I Believe (the Creed)*" · "Worthy, Worthy"

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**

Philippians 2:1-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Jim Alexander

"Having the Mind of Christ"

Philippians 2:1-11

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**

"*The Doxology with Alleluias*"

The Postlude

"*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*" (Duffield)

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



Fellowship of Believers

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

"Who's Welcome at the King's Table?"

II Samuel 9

Rev. Michael Wichlan

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* (Psalm 119:105)

Pray for all of God's churches. Pray for all denominations to teach the Word of God and stand firm for Him and His Word. Pray for their pastors. Pray daily for Pastor Reeder.

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for Dr. Tom and Connie Edwards as he directs the Hope Health Center in Fairfield, Ala. The center's mission is to share the hope found in Jesus Christ by providing whole-person healthcare to a medically underserved community. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they minister to bring spiritual and physical healing. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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.

What is your focus? The student apologetics reThink conference reThink is Apr. 26-27 here at Briarwood. Go online to register at briarwood.org/rethink. Briarwood Member student rate \$25 by Apr. 1.

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. Come travel with Pastor Reeder on this unique adventure! See briarwood.org/travel or call Amy Lattner 776-5364.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2021

Serving in the Nursery today: Homestead A

Hospitalized: Sharon Diercks, Jon Gould, Cheryl Jackson, Anne Drake, Clark Schatz, Rita Richards, Nancy Scott, Lindsay Reese, Emmi Long

Our love and sympathy to George and Cole Dothard and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Virginia Dothard, on Mar. 13; to Thad James and family on the death of his mother, Inez James, on Mar. 17; and to Lisa, Rachel and Ben Conry and Lindsay Blackmon and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Ed Brockway, on Mar. 20.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Mary Fair and Caleb Cleveland on Mar. 23.

You are invited to a casting call for our Dec. 15 Christmas Festival! Men, women, boys and girls are needed to help portray the biblical account of Jesus' birth. Auditions are Sat., Apr. 14 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Jim Blackmon at 482-4119.

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
	*	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Worship Center
MONDAY		6:30 a.m.	MOC Bible Study - FH-E&F
		9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
		6:15 p.m.	CMMA-Monday's Couples - Walkers'
TUESDAY		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
THURSDAY	*	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)
		7:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Fellowship - Choir Room
FRIDAY		6:30 a.m.	MOC Bible Study - FH-F
SATURDAY		7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'



Announcements

Urban Ministry Prayer—Today at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Join us to pray for Urban Hope Community Church and urban ministries in the Fairfield/Birmingham area.

Trailblazers Game Day—Join us Mar. 26 from 10:00 a.m.–noon in the Caroline House for snacks, games and fellowship! Contact Sharon at 776-5320 or sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Bluegrass Fellowship—Thurs., Mar. 28 in the Choir Room from 7:00–9:00 p.m. All levels welcome to play or sing bluegrass, country or mountain music. Call Jim at 482-4119.

Ask the Pastor—Wed., April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. All are invited to an interactive exchange on any question that you might like to ask. Come enjoy dinner and then enlightening discussion time with Pastor Reeder.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members begins Sun, April 7. Class includes two Sun. mornings (April 7 and 14), two Wed. nights (April 10 and 24), and a luncheon (April 28 only for those who are planning to join). Attending doesn't obligate you to join. For information or to sign up for the class, call 776-5208, go to briarwood.org/pic, or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Easter Baskets needed—The Women's Ministry is collecting baskets for Daniel Cason Ministries to be distributed at an outreach event in Bessemer. Baskets can be dropped off Mon., Apr. 15–Wed., Apr. 17 in the Women's Ministry Office (A106). See briarwood.org/women for more details.

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!

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.

Camp Briarwood—Give your child or grandchild the gift of a lifetime of memories that only summer camp can give! June–July registration is open at briarwood.org/camp.

Does your daughter love to cheer? Send her to summer Cheer Camp June 10–14 from 9:00 a.m.–noon at Briarwood. Open to rising K5–3rd graders. Registration is now open at questrecreation.org.

Briarwood Christian School—where students are known, nurtured and loved—is currently accepting applications for all grades from K4 to high school. For information and to arrange a visit to see educational excellence in a Christ-centered setting go to briarwoodchristianschool.org.

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

National Missions Pastor. Full-time position for an experienced pastoral leader and champion for the revitalization of churches. He will lead Briarwood's National Missions, Church Revitalization, and Church Planting teams and will either be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send résumé to Heather McDougall at hmcdougall@briarwood.org or call her at 205-776-5279.



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The Lord's Day Morning, March 24, 2019

Rev. Jim Alexander

“Having the Mind of Christ”

Philippians 2:1–11 (page 980 in the ESV pew Bible)

Introduction:

I. Knowing the Mind of Christ, Paul Calls the Church to Christian Love and Unity (vv. 1–4)

II. Having the Mind of Christ, Paul Calls the Church to Follow Christ’s Example (vv. 5–11)

Life Takeaway