

Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



For God's glory

We are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God
and to reach Birmingham
to reach the world for Christ



Celebration of Worship

L.E.A.D.

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - May 5, 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

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

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (arr. Darnell/Coleman)

Bonnie Furuto, violin

Creator and Redeemer God, Author of all existence, Source of all blessedness, I adore You for making me capable of knowing You, for giving me reason and conscience, for leading me to desire You; I praise You for the revelation of Yourself in the gospel, for Your heart as a dwelling place of pity, for Your thoughts of peace towards me, for Your patience and Your graciousness, for the vastness of Your mercy. You have moved my conscience to know how the guilty can be pardoned, the unholy sanctified, the poor enriched. May I be always among those who not only hear but know You, who walk with and rejoice in You, who take You at Your Word and find life there.

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Choral Introit

"On My Journey Home" (arr. Berg)

Chamber Ensemble

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Receiving of New Members and the Sacrament of Baptism (10:55 a.m.)

***The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

***The Hymn of Ascents**

"How Firm a Foundation" Hymn 275

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 Tithe 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

“Yahweh” (arr. Goss)

*The Confession of Truth

I Corinthians 12:4-7, 11

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“Behold Our God”

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 Peter 4:7-11

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

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The Elect in the Exile

“The End of All Things as the Beginning of Everything—Part 4”

I Peter 4:7-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

The Postlude

“Te Deum in B-flat Major” (Johnson)

* 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



3:00-7:00 p.m. Perimeter Drive adjacent to Gym

5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.* (John 13:34, 35)

Pray for Christians around the world to make Jesus the center of their lives and share Him with people they see and know.

Mission Prayer: Pray for Vek and his wife as he works to equip Christian leaders in Cambodia. He conducts conferences to teach pastors and church leaders and help them stand firm in their faith in Christ. Pray the work can continue and that God will protect the Christian churches from wrong teaching from cult groups. *(The flag of Cambodia is featured in today's worship service.)*

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Plan to attend the YBL Spring Lunch with Rick Burgess on Tues., May 14 at The Club, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. He is an author, speaker and co-host of "The Rick and Bubba Show." Join us and bring a friend! Tickets \$25 or \$200/table of eight. Call 205-776-5450 for reservations or go to briarwood.org/ybl and click on the luncheon link.

Benefit Support Our Soldiers Alabama by coming to the Memorial Day Dinner May 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the FH. The featured speaker is Capt. Gary Michael Rose, USA (retired), Medal of Honor recipient. Tickets are \$30 or \$300/table of 8. RSVP by May 23 to 205-918-7976, or at supportoursoldiersalabama.org.

What is your favorite fruit? Send your children to VBS June 3-7 for "The Fruit of the Spirit" to learn more! Register them at briarwood.org/vbs by May 30.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2021

Serving in the Nursery today: Next Step/Homefront

Hospitalized: Vicki Cawthorne, Louis Henderson, Eddie Lumpkin, Clark Schatz, Nancy Scott, Robbie Smith, Brenda Wright

Our love and sympathy to Barbara Shirley and family on the death of her mother, Pat Zimmerman, on Apr. 27; to Kerrie Ledbetter and family on the death of her grandmother, Mavis Love, on Apr. 27; and to Mary Brennecke and family on the death of her sister, Billie Ralph, on May 1.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Aileen Howard from her husband, Jim. The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given in memory of Bob Turnage from his wife, Nancy.

Welcome these new members joining today: Shields Anding; Rachel Austin; Morgan and Anna Bandy; Brock Bono; Carlie Chapman; Sara Caitlin Godwin; Will Greer; Matthew Hester; Anna Holdefer; Haley Jacobs; Matt and Morgan Jaeger; Clara Kelleher; Rylie Ledbetter; Ethan Nandwa; Natalie Nandwa; Cace Reynolds; Joey Robertson; Trey Saunders; Ainsley Staie; Rosalind Staie; Gail Stephenson; Peggy Vanek-Titus; Michael, Minako and Hana Vickery; Risper Waseka; Ian Waugh. Returning Members: Jimmy and Rhonda Cromwell, Carl and Christi Bono.

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
	3:00 p.m.	Annual Church Picnic - Perimeter Road at the Gym
	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner - FH
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MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
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TUESDAY		No activities
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WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105
	10:00 a.m.	Knitting Ministry - A205
	* 6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Worship Center
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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)
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FRIDAY		No activities
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'
	2:30 p.m.	Ballet Spring Performance - Briarwood High School
	7:00 p.m.	Ballet Spring Performance - Briarwood High School

**Graduating church members: we need to hear from you today!
We want to celebrate your achievement!**

12th grade high school members, contact us with your full name, high school, and plans following graduation. If you're graduating this spring/summer from college or graduate school or know a member who is, send us your full name, school and degree. Contact Devin Pond at dpond@briarwood.org today.

Announcements

Officer Nominations—Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2022 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms are available now at the various information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is May 31.

College Lunch Today—Join us for a time of fellowship with other students and College Pastor Max Bunn at 12:30 p.m. at the Carlises' (3528 Altbrook Drive). See you there!

Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer—All are invited to gather for prayer today at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

“The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe”—The Briarwood Ballet’s Spring performance Sat., May 11 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. and Sun., May 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Fine Arts Auditorium. For tickets, go to briarwood.org/balletevents.

Briarwood Christian High School Fine Arts Academy hosts the Fine Arts Festival, Mon., May 6 at 6:00 p.m. Includes an art exhibit, jazz band and choir performances.

Mendelssohn’s Psalm 42 Cantata—A special presentation from the Briarwood Adult Choir and Orchestra Sun., May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. No admission charge; Make Nursery reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.

Persecuted Church Prayer—We will not be meeting on May 12. Join us next month on June 9 to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Help update our list of members and family members currently on military active duty. Contact Lynn at 205-776-5387 or lmwaters@briarwood.org with the name, rank and branch of service in which you or your family member is currently serving along with their relationship to you.

See Summer activities for K5–12th grade at briarwood.org/summerkids.

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

We want YOU...to help with VBS. 1) Sign up to help in the Nursery—shepherding the 2’s, 3’s, or 4’s. Make a difference in a child’s life and sign up at briarwood.org/nursery. 2) 26 rising 3rd–6th grade VBS shepherds are still needed. To sign up, email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org or see a volunteer list at briarwood.org/vbs under staff needs. 3) We need 1,000 Crystal Light containers! Turn them in to the VBS mailbox.

Travel with Pastor Reeder—Christian Discipleship Tour, Jul. 27–Aug. 6. “Travels of Paul” will be a unique trip aboard the historic *Sea Cloud* sailing vessel, visiting islands of Greece, including Patmos. Call Amy at 205-776-5364 or see briarwood.org/travel.

Mission trip to Spain—Team needed to work at L’Arcada Christian sports camp Sept. 24–Oct. 2 and Oct. 1–Oct. 9. Open to men and women of all ages. Contact Dave Wood for further details 205-306-0504.

Irish Republic Mission Trip—June 28–July 14. This short-term trip (open to ages 16 and above) will involve VBS type ministry during the day and teen/family outreach at night. Email Jennifer Johnston at jenfjohnston@aol.com or go to irelandmission.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.

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

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

Membership Assimilation Coordinator. Part-time morning 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 wlong@briarwood.org.



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The Lord's Day Morning, May 5, 2019
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XXXIX. I Peter in Biblical Perspective
The Elect in the Exile

“The End of All Things and the Beginning of Everything–Part 4”
I Peter 4:7–11 (page 958 in the ESV pew Bible)

INTRODUCTION/REVIEW:

GOSPEL COMMAND #7

Pursue and cultivate a sound and sober mind marked
by a life filled with prayer.

PETER'S PREMIER PRIORITY FOR ALL ELECT EXILES

Above all things love one another.

REDEMPTIVE LOVE – SERVING LOVE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS – SERVING LOVE

I. Two Precepts

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II. Two Practices

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III. Two Parts

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IV. Two Principles

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LIFE TAKEAWAY

ELECT EXILES – GOSPEL BLESSINGS

1. You have an imperishable inheritance kept for you.
2. You are kept for your inheritance through trials.
3. You are Justified by the imperishable blood of Christ.
4. You are Regenerated by imperishable seed God's Word preached.
5. You are Living Stones made into a Temple for God's dwelling presence.
6. You are a Royal Priesthood.
7. You are a Chosen Race.
8. You are a Called People.
9. You are a People of God's own Possession.
10. You are a Holy Nation.
11. You are a People of Divine Mercy.
12. You are a People Redeemed from Sin's Shame and Blessed with Divine Honor.
13. You are a Purposed People—proclaiming the Christ's excellency as living sacrifices.
14. The Consummation of all things is assured and the imminent Return of Christ.

ELECT EXILES – GOSPEL COMMANDS

1. Personal pursuit of a pervasive holiness in life.
2. Sincere and heart-felt love for one another.
3. Cultivation of an appetite for God's Word.
4. A lifestyle of obedience stimulating praise to God.
5. Subjection to every human institution silencing the ignorance of foolishness.
6. Arm yourself with the mind of Christ to suffer for Christ.
7. Pursue and cultivate a sound and sober mind marked by a life filled with prayer.