

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 12, 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

"Voluntary" (Stanley)

Holy Father, whose eyes cannot look upon iniquity, and who cannot tolerate wrong, but who also loves me and sent Your Son to save me from my sins, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what I have done and by what I have not done. Forgive me; and grant to me the heartfelt knowledge that You have cleansed me of all my sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

(Men and boys please come forward at this time for the Mother's Day Chorus)

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymn 8

The Special Ministry in Music

"In Christ Alone" · "Amazing Grace" Hymn 202 vv. 1, 2, 5

The Men and Boys Mother's Day Chorus

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 Confession of Truth

Proverbs 9:10

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 Musical Offering of Worship

“Faithfulness” (Maher)
Praise Team

*The Congregational Response of Thanksgiving

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Hymn 43 v. 1

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 4:12-19

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

XL. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

The Elect in the Exile

“Unsurprised”

I Peter 4:12-19

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

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Pierpoint/Dix)

* 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.

Spiritual Gifts in Biblical Perspective

“Understanding Spiritual Gifts and Their Proper Use”

I Corinthians 12

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

also

the Adult Choir and Orchestra present:

Psalm 42: As the Hart Pants – Mendelssohn

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks for Your Name is near. We recount Your wondrous deeds.* (Psalm 75:1)

Pray for men and women that hold office in our government agencies and our military. Pray God will give them wisdom and courage as they lead our country.

Mission Prayer: Pray for Sandra Hardy, Director of UHope Success Academy, as she prepares for its summer camp June 3–27. The academy helps at-risk students and families toward long-term, sustainable growth through various educational programs to prevent summer learning loss and to show the love of Christ. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Don't miss hearing Rick Burgess at the YBL Spring Lunch this Tues., May 14 at The Club, 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. He's an author, speaker and co-host of “The Rick and Bubba Show.” Tickets \$25 or \$200/table of eight. Call 205-776-5450 for reservations or purchase tickets at the door. Bring a friend!

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

We need YOU...to help with VBS. Rising K5–6th grade VBS still needs 22 shepherds. Email Raleigh Macoy to sign up at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery shepherds are also needed for the 2's, 3's, or 4's. Sign up at briarwood.org/nursery.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2019

Serving in the Nursery today: Family Life

Hospitalized: Al Craig, Leslie Cushman, Louis Henderson, Eddie Lumpkin, Mark Sanda, Clark Schatz, Nancy Scott, Brenda Wright, Bonnie Richards, Chris Zabel

Our love and sympathy to Barbara Abbott, Anne Messer and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Allene Robertson, on May 4.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of David Horner Morgan from the wedding of Morgan Graves and Jonathan Neely on May 11.

We welcome these new members who joined last Sun., May 5: Josh and Jennifer Meyer, Matt and Abby Reid.

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.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sun., May 26 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.

Announcements

“The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe”—The Briarwood Ballet’s Spring performance is today at 2:30 p.m. at Briarwood High School. Purchase tickets at the door.

Persecuted Church Prayer will not meet today. Join us June 9 to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Attention Elders—The Stated meeting of the Session is Tues., May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in FH-E&F.

VBS Shepherd Meetings are Tues., May 14 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in FH-C&D. All rising K5–6th grade shepherds should make plans to attend one of the meetings. Nursery is available for the morning meeting with a reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Theological Training Begins May 20—BTS registration for the summer semester is open. Earn a degree or audit a class. Distance education and video conference options are available. Email btsadmin@briarwood.org or visit bts.education.

Help update our military list of members and family members on 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.

Women’s Ministry Summer Fellowship Groups—Get to know fellow Briarwood members who live in your part of town! Register at briarwood.org/women and select a location closest to you. Opportunity to join a second group based on shared interests also available.

Women’s Ministry Summer Drop-In Studies—Based on Philippians 4:8, our “Whatsoever Is True” series begins in June. See briarwood.org/women for further details.

Briarwood Fine Art Show—Wed., July 24. Calling adult members to submit art forms in the area of paint (all mediums), drawings, photography, calligraphy and pottery. Details coming. Contact Linda Keffer at 205-969-5535 or kalm2608@gmail.com for info.

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.

Travel with Pastor Reeder—Experience the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum on July 22–24. Register with Sharon Johnston at 205-776-5320 or sjohnston@briarwood.org and see details at briarwood.org/travel.

Only a few cabins left—Join Pastor Reeder for “Travels of Paul” Jul. 27–Aug. 6. This is a unique trip to Greece aboard the historic *Sea Cloud* sailing vessel. Call Amy Lattner at 205-776-5364 or see briarwood.org/travel.

Spain Mission trip—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 at 205-306-0504.

Pastor’s vlog—Watch Pastor Reeder discuss “What Is the Key for a Christian to Have an Effective Witness for Christ?” now at briarwood.org/askthepastor.

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

Church Grounds Helper. Full time with benefits. Contact Robert at 205-776-5234 or rclifton@briarwood.org.

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 [Wendy Long at wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

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 Service - Worship Service
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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'

Add "The Colors" to the Way of the Flags—

Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone for the Christianity in America Celebration. Make your dedication by Sun., June 9 online at briarwood.org/flag or in the Membership Office. Cost is \$15.





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The Lord's Day Morning, May 12, 2019
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XL. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

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I Peter 4:12-19 (page 1016 in the ESV pew Bible)

INTRODUCTION/REVIEW:

GOSPEL COMMAND #8

I. The Admonition

The Reason

II. The Exhortation

The Reason

III The Benediction

The Reason

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.