

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 19, 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 “Living Hope” (arr. Kirkland) Briarwood Orchestra

O Lord, unto You I lift my soul! I praise You that You have granted me mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Your perfect Son on my behalf at Calvary's cross. I come today with thanksgiving in my heart and praise upon my lips for the sustaining grace that You supply each day through the work of Your Holy Spirit in my life. Complete that work of redemption and sanctification, drawing me ever closer to my Savior. Grant to me a deep and abiding love for You, for Your Word, and for Your Church, that I might order my steps in a manner that pleases You and brings glory to You alone. Receive my praise this day as I offer it in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Adoration and (8:00) Baccalaureate Processional

“Jesus Shall Reign” Hymn 231

*The Confession of Truth

Romans 11:33-36

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 made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

The Choral Offering of Worship

“Sanctuary/Total Praise” (Thompson/Scruggs)

Daniel Cason, soloist

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“Lion and the Lamb” · “Cornerstone”

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

I Peter 4:12–19

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

XLI. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

The Elect in the Exile

“Unsurprised—Part 2”

I Peter 4:12–19

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

...that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Hymn of Benediction and (8:00) Recessional

“Take My Life and Let It Be” Hymn 379 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

(vv. 2, 5, 6 at 8:00 only)

The Postlude

“Voluntary” (Stanley)

* 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.

XI. Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective

From Vanity to Vitality

“The Dust of Death”

Ecclesiastes 9

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast.* (I Corinthians 13:6)

Pray for God's Word to be communicated by all forms of media as "Truth" and not distorted in any way.

Mission Prayer: Pray for Vicky Samaritano who ministers to students and faculty at City College in New York with Cru. She works to give them an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel, cultivate transformational communities of grace and truth, and challenge believing students to share Jesus with others. (*The flag of New York is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Earn a degree or audit a class this summer with BTS. Summer semester registration is open and classes begin May 20. Distance education and video conference options are available. Email btsadmin@briarwood.org or visit bts.education.

Add "The Colors" to the Way of the Flags and 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.

Get to know fellow Briarwood members who live in your part of town! Register for the Women's Ministry Summer Fellowship Groups at briarwood.org/women and select a location closest to you. There is also an opportunity to join a second group based on shared interests.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2019

Serving in the Nursery today: Legacy

Hospitalized: Kathleen Bishop, Dicky Dubose, Jeff Flannery, Steve Hall, Louis Henderson, Odis Huffstutler, Kelly Little, Eddie Lumpkin, Bonnie Richards, Mark Sanda, Clark Schatz, Nancy Scott, Brenda Wright, Chris Zabel

Our love and sympathy to Doug and Woody Woodruff and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Sally Woodruff, on May 7; to Ronnie Zininger and family on the death of her father, Ronald Nash, on May 9; and to Michael and Baylee Wichlan and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Carol Wichlan, on May 14.

The flowers in the Worship Center and Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in honor of the graduates of Birmingham Theological Seminary.

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. Elements are gluten-free.

Announcements

Sunday Nights for Children—ABC Memory starts back tonight! Rising K5 and 1st grade meet in M111 for ABC Bible Memory. Current 1st–6th graders meet in the Gym with Pastor Evans and Jake.

Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group—Come Tues., May 21 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 to share concerns and practical strategies. Call the Pastoral Care at 205-776-5227.

Smiling faces needed! Help us welcome our visitors by coming to summer visitation May 22; June 12, 26; July 10, 24; Aug 7 and 21. Meet in FH-A at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, then go out to visit. Contact 205-776-5301 or lreese@briarwood.org.

Urban Ministry Prayer—Sun., May 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. All are invited to join us to pray for Urban Hope Community Church and urban ministries in the Fairfield/Birmingham area.

Help update our military list of members and family members on active duty. Contact Lynn at 205-776-5387 or lmcwaters@briarwood.org by Fri., June 7 with the name, rank, and branch of service in which you or your family member is currently serving along with their relationship to you.

Trailblazer Luncheon—June 9 in the FH after the late morning service. Hear Todd Gerelds, author of *Woodlawn* and *Always Fall Forward*, while enjoying a delicious barbeque lunch. \$8 tickets now in the Bookstore and at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Register for VBS—June 3–7 from 9:00–noon. Pre-registration will close Thurs., May 30. Go to briarwood.org/vbs.

We want YOU...to help with VBS. 1) Nursery shepherds needed—2 for 2-year-olds, 3 for 3-year-olds, and 2 for 4-year-olds, as well as help with snacks and decorations. Sign up at briarwood.org/nursery. 2) Volunteers still needed, email rmacoy@briarwood.org to sign up. 3) Teen Helpers register at briarwood.org/vbsteen; for rising 7th–12th grade. Rising 7th and 8th grade MUST have a parent volunteering at VBS to help.

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” July 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.

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.

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.	BCS Graduation - Worship Center
	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'

Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2022 are being accepted from the congregation during this month. Nominating forms are available at the various information stations throughout the church.

The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2019.





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The Lord's Day Morning, May 19, 2019

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XLI. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

The Elect in the Exile

“Unsurprised—Part 2”

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

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.
8. Do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you.