

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 - August 4, 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

Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are of Israel's fountain! Psalm 68:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

O Great I AM, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Choral Introit

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Berg)

Nina Adair, horn soloist

The Briarwood Summer Choir

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"In Christ Alone"

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172

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 Musical Offering of Worship

"Is He Worthy?" (Peterson)

Briarwood Praise Team

*The Confession of Truth

Revelation 5:6-13

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“O Praise the Name” · “Build My Life”

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:3-7

The Exposition of God’s Word

Rev. Eric Zellner

“Kingdom Partners”

Philippians 1:3-7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

The Postlude

* 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.

“Straining Forward Towards the Goal”

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Rev. Jason Ellerbee

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You! May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"* (Psalm 70:4)

Pray for the CMMA Medical Welcome Dinner on Mon., Aug. 5 for those new to the Birmingham medical community. Pray that these friendships will strengthen with their journey through school and that Christ will be the center of their lives.

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for the Church Revitalization Ministry and Embers to a Flame team as conferences are planned for 2020. Praise the Lord for each ministry opportunity. May He draw our team closer together and even more committed to the cause of healthy churches, ministries, and leaders.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

All newcomers and prospective members are invited to the Pastor's Inquirers' Class beginning Aug. 11. It includes two Sunday mornings (Aug. 11 and 18), two Wed. nights (Aug. 14 and 21) and a luncheon (Aug. 25) for those joining. Attending does not obligate you to join. To sign up, call 205-776-5208, email wlong@briarwood.org or go to briarwood.org/pic.

Do science and the Bible contradict? How old is the Earth? Join us for the "Is Genesis History?" Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life with speakers Del Tackett, Steve Austin, and Thomas Purifoy on Aug. 24-26. Admission is free. Make nursery reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.

Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts to receive Communion on Aug. 11 in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2019

Serving in the Nursery today: Covenant Keepers/Firm Foundations

Hospitalized: Pierson Black, Regina Gabriel, Steve House, Jane Mann, Eric Messer, Eric Stephens, Barbara Sims, Hunter Goff

We rejoice with Chase and Sloan Crawford on the birth of their son, Henry Chase, on July 24; and with John Paul and Allison Clough on the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Rose, on July 25 and grandparents Everett and Sandy Borg.

Our love and sympathy to Suzy Triplett and family on the death of her father, David Triplett, on July 17; and to Mark Rose and family on the death of his father, Don Rose, on July 28.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of John Williams from his wife, Charlotte.

Welcome Rev. Eric Zellner to the pulpit this morning. Eric pastored churches in Mississippi and North Alabama before going to Christ Presbyterian Church plant in Auburn last year. Born and raised in Nashville, he received his undergraduate degree from Auburn and his M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary. Eric and his wife, Susan, have four children.

Announcements

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

CMMA Medical Welcome Dinner—Mon., Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at The Preserve Town Hall (601 Preserve Way, 35226). This is an event for those new to the Birmingham medical community. For information, call 205-776-5470 or go to cmmauab.org.

Smiling faces needed! Help us welcome our visitors by coming to summer visitation 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.

Persecuted Church Prayer—Sun., Aug. 11 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Friendship Partner Information/Orientation—Come learn more on Thurs., Aug. 15 or Thurs., Sept. 12 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Caroline House. For information, contact Laura at 205-776-5343 or ldanner@briarwood.org.

Men's summer Bible study—Uncommon Manhood—*A Study of the Life of David* meets Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. Go to briarwood.org/men for information.

Briarwood Ballet Adult Ballet Classes—Come learn classical ballet in a relaxed and fun setting, and get a great workout! See briarwood.org/balletclasses or call 205-776-5284.

Learning the Bible in the Land of the Bible—Travel June 1–13, 2020 to Israel with Pastor Reeder. Attend an informational meeting on Aug. 18 in the Chapel following the evening service. See briarwood.org/travel for more details and reservations.

Mother's Day Out—A few spots are open for the fall. Go to briarwood.org/mdo for tuition and other information. Call 205-776-5206 or email djohnson@briarwood.org for questions or to enroll your child.

Open Your Homes—We need families who the Lord will use in the lives of our Briarwood Fellows. Contact Seth at 205-527-2411 or seth@briarwoodfellows.org.

Crown Ministry—Learn about saving money, becoming debt free, and investing for retirement. Group begins Wed., Sept. 4. Email dmatthews@briarwood.org to register.

2019–20 School Year—If you plan to hold your child back, let us know so we can place him or her in the appropriate Sunday School class. For school-age, please email rmacoy@briarwood.org, and email acraig@briarwood.org for nursery-age children.

Catechism Sunday School class (3rd–6th grade)—This nine-month class requires outside work for the student and parents. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org if interested.

Pocket Change—Deposit into wall containers around the church to be used by the Exec. Mercy Ministry Team to distribute food for those in need. Coin canisters are available at the Altadena House to collect at home.

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

Administrative Assistant for the Shepherding Team Pastor. Full-time position with benefits for an active Briarwood member. Proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, effective organization and excellent communication skills required. Send résumé to Benny Youngblood at byoungblood@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5321.

Briarwood Christian School: Several openings. See details online.

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.

Foundations Early Learning and Family Center in Fairfield: Full-time 3K teacher needed to serve children and families. Highly competitive salary and benefits. See FoundationsEarlyLearning.org for application info.

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 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, 205-776-5291.

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	
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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	6:30 a.m.	Men's Summer Study - FH
	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A209
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Knitting Ministry - A205
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THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Room/Men: W203
	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'

Briarwood Summer Choir

Come to the choir loft 10 minutes before either morning service, practice a familiar hymn, sing at the beginning of the service, then sit with your family. No age limit or experience needed!

