

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

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - August 11, 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

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“March in C” (Johnson)

O Lord, my heart and mind are prone to wander, even when I come into Your presence in worship each Lord's Day. Grant me grace that I may fix my whole heart upon You and ponder the greatness of Your love for me as expressed through the giving of Your Son on my behalf on the cross of Calvary. And in response, allow me to pour forth praise from my heart and lips as I worship You with all my being! Purge my heart of earthly longings and grant to me a heart that loves You fully, hungers for Your Word, and seeks to live daily in such a way as to fulfill Your purposes in my life for the advancement of Your Kingdom.

The Choral Introit

“And Can It Be?” (arr. Berg)

The Briarwood Summer Choir

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“How Great Thou Art” Hymn 4 vv. 1, 3, 4

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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 Worship of God in Song

“My Anchor Holds”

Daniel Cason, soloist

*The Confession of Truth

The Apostles' Creed

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"O the Blood"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

I Peter 5:10-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLVIII. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

The Elect in the Exile

"The Sojourner's Benediction"

I Peter 5:10-11

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

*The Hymn of Preparation

"Hallelujah, What a Savior" Hymn 175 vv. 1-3

*The Confession of Sin

The Receiving of the Elements

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Elizabeth Jordan, soloist

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 Congregational Affirmation

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

The Postlude

"In Christ Alone" (Getty/Townend)

* 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.



Fellowship of Believers

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

XV. Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective

From Vanity to Vitality

"A Heart that Cheers Throughout Life"

Ecclesiastes 11

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)

Pray for church groups and families that are traveling this summer and are returning for work and school this fall.

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for Debbie Friley who serves with Navigators in Florida. Pray for her as she ministers to women through the message of the Gospel and freedom in Christ, teaches Salt and Light Discipleship classes, and provides leadership training to prepare others to reach the world for Christ. (*The flag of Florida is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Briarwood will host the Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life Sat., Aug. 24–Mon., Aug. 26. Join us for this free conference as we consider some of life's most basic yet profound questions like, "How old is the earth?" and "Is Genesis history?" Friday night, we'll start off the conference with a special showing of the documentary, "Is Genesis History?" in the FH at 6:00 p.m., followed by a question and answer time with the director and producer Mr. Thomas Purifoy, the narrator Dr. Del Tackett and one of the contributing scientists Dr. Steve Austin. On Sunday, we will hear from these men in the morning and evening services as well as a special combined Sunday School. The conference will then conclude on Monday night starting at 6:00 p.m. For more conference details, visit briarwood.org/genesis. Nursery is available by registering at briarwood.org/nursery.

Our 1st–6th graders will have a special Children's Conference on Creation concurrent with the adult conference with guest speaker Elizabeth Urbanowicz. Register your child now at briarwood.org/creation.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2019

Serving in the Nursery today: G & C

Hospitalized: Jane Mann, Miron Griffin, Nancy Scott, Grace Ann Tankersley

Our love and sympathy to Helen House and family on the death of her husband, member Steve House, on Aug. 3; to John Mansfield, Katie Bastian, Christie McKinney, Abbie and Will Mansfield and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Beth Mansfield, on Aug. 6; and to Janette Beaumont and family on the death of her mother, Juanita Rush Cox, on Aug. 7.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Mary Elizabeth Stallings and Calvin Thomas Fisher on Sat., Aug. 10.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper elements this morning are gluten-free.

Smiling faces needed to welcome our visitors at the last summer visitation Aug. 21. Meet in FH-A at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, then go out to visit.

Announcements

- Pastor's Inquirers' Class** for newcomers and prospective members begins today in the Library at 9:30 a.m. It includes the next two Sunday mornings and Wed. nights as well as a Aug. 25 luncheon for those who join. Attending does not obligate you to join. If you need directions, go to the Deacons' Desk in the Worship Center Lobby.
- Persecuted Church Prayer**—Today 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.
- 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.
- Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group**—Come Tues., Aug. 20 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 205-776-5227.
- 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.
- Trailblazers Travel**—Sept. 23–25 to The Cove in Asheville, NC, to hear speaker Richard Blackaby. Go to briarwood.org/trailblazers or call Sharon at 205-776-5320.
- Briarwood Fall Soccer Season**—For boys and girls age 5–15. Open to the public. Call 205-776-5114 or go to briarwoodsoccer.com to register now.
- Theological Training**—BTS classes begin Sept. 3. Registration is now open for the fall semester. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Too busy to commit to class every week? Distance education and video conference courses are available. For more information, call 205-776-5356 or go online to bts.education.
- Nursery is in need** of slightly used baby dolls and barbie dolls—ours have been well loved. You can drop these off at the Nursery office or the brown desk on the Nursery hall.
- Open Your Homes**—We need families whom 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Job Openings**—*See a complete listing with details at briarwood.org/employment.*
- Bookstore Sales Associate.** Part-time. Applicants should be willing to serve people, understand computer operations, handle money accurately, and be task-oriented. A working knowledge of Christian book titles is a plus. Contact dlittle@briarwood.org.
- 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.

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, 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
	6:15 p.m.	CMMA-Monday's Couples- Walkers
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TUESDAY		Briarwood Christian School resumes
	6:30 p.m.	CMMA-Tuesday Singles- Simpsons'
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WEDNESDAY	6:30 a.m.	Men's Summer Study - FH
	9:30 a.m.	CMMA Side by Side - Caroline House
	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 sing this Sunday morning and evening! You are invited to the choir loft ten minutes prior to this Sunday's services to prepare a familiar hymn to present to the congregation in the morning, and join in the Hymnfest Review in the evening service. You'll then rejoin your family for the rest of the service.

