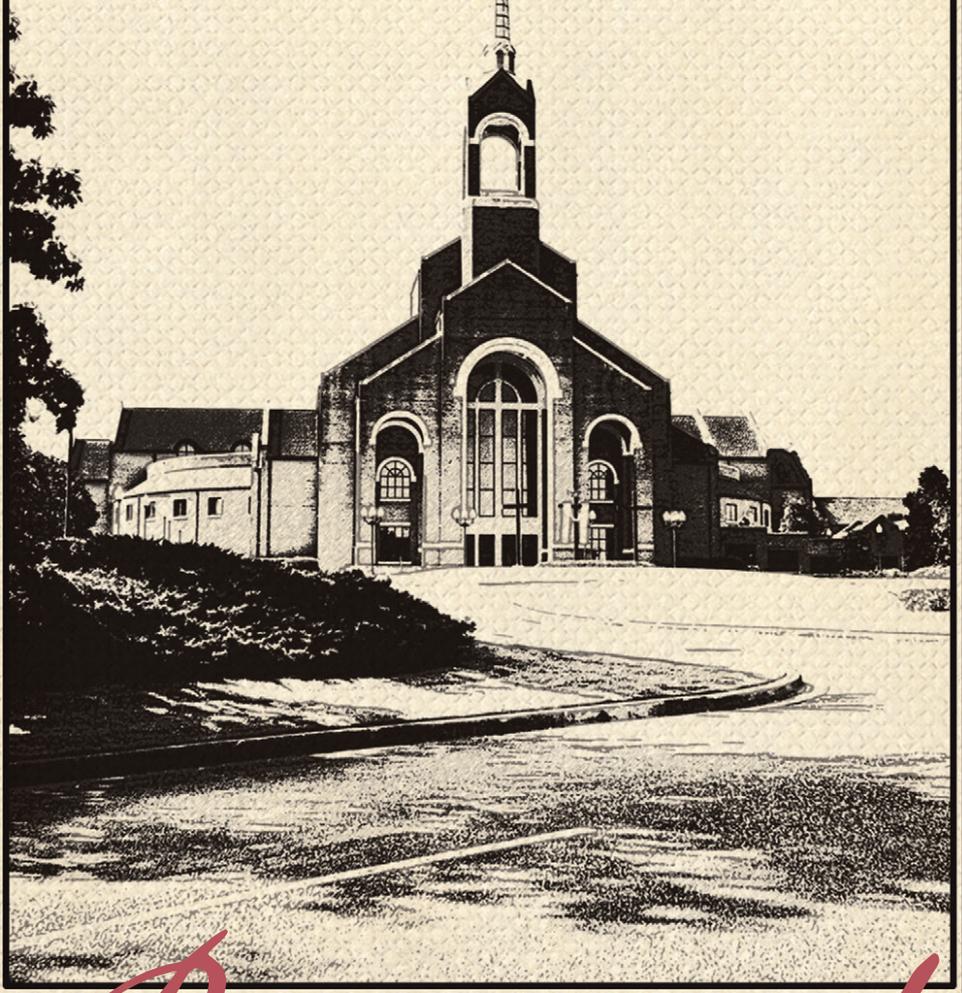




*For God's glory,*  
we are committed to equipping  
Christians to worship God and to  
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



*Briarwood*  
Presbyterian Church, PCA



# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - September 1, 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

“Be Thou My Vision” (Forrester)

Sara Caitlin Godwin, pianist

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”*

from Psalm 51

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

\*The Hymn of Ascents

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” Hymn 97

## 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 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 Choral Offering of Worship

“Rejoice in God” (Scott)

\*The Confession of Truth

Titus 3:4-7

\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin” Hymn 201 · “Worthy, Worthy”

## 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 Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 3:1-10

The Exposition of God’s Word

Rev. Benny Parks

“Plucked from the Fire”

Zechariah 3:1-10

## 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

“Old 100th Tune” (Purcell)

\* 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](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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# Fellowship of Believers

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

“The Life-Giving Word”

I Kings 17:7-16

Mr. Matthew Collins

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord. *I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.* (Psalm 18:1, 2)

Pray for our weekly studies beginning this week. Pray for our teachers as they share God's Word with us and for the Holy Spirit to move deeply into our hearts and minds.

Mission Prayer Focus: Praise God for the International Outreach Welcome Picnic this past weekend, where the team was able to meet many new international students. Pray for these students as they acclimate to America, for the team as they present the gospel to them, and for God to lead internationals as well as Americans into the Friendship Partner ministry for the Fall. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Briarwood MidWeek is all about fellowship and spiritual growth in the middle of the week. Beginning this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., there are classes for men and women, co-ed studies, seminary classes, training and ministry opportunities of all kinds for every member of the family. All the opportunities are listed together in the MidWeek brochure, available at all info kiosks as well as online at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek). Find the class or activity for yourself and your family, and come join in!

Prior to Wed. studies and activities at 6:30 p.m., we gather for a delicious dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30. Dinner is \$7 per adult and \$4 per child, with a \$24 family maximum. Please sign up for dinner online at [briarwood.org/dinner](http://briarwood.org/dinner) by Tuesday noon. And if you need to take advantage of the Nursery on Wed. evenings, please reserve your spot at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

Children and Youth will find activities designed just for them during MidWeek. CONNECT is our K4–3rd grade activity and IGNITE is for 4th–6th grade. Raiders (7th and 8th grade) and BYG (9th–12th grade) meet in The Barn. See more details in the MidWeek brochure or online at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek). CONNECT register at [briarwood.org/connect](http://briarwood.org/connect).

## Our Church Family

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Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2020

Serving in the Nursery today: Growing in Grace/The Oaks

Hospitalized: Ron Lewis, Walter Lowe, Mary Novak, Nancy Scott, Barbara Sims, Ann Lindsey, Ron Dougherty, Cherbye Thornton, Philip Alford, Terry Grill

Our love and sympathy to Shirley Tamblin and family on the death of her brother, Sidney Thomas Puckett, on Aug. 12; to the family of member Jesse Weatherly on Aug. 19; and to Judy Goff, Pat Goff, Hunter Goff and Pam Barker on the death of their brother and uncle, Charles Maddox, on Aug. 23.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Wanda Bennett from her husband, Jim, and family.

# Announcements

**Children's Promotion Sunday is today!**—If you don't know your child's new room number, visit the Sunday School table located in the second floor School Lobby (K4-6th grade) or the desk in the Nursery Hallway (nursery).

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

**The church and school offices** will be closed on Mon., Sept. 2 for Labor Day.

**Theological Training**—Register now for fall BTS classes beginning Sept. 3. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Distance education and video conference courses are available. Call 205-776-5356 or go online to [bts.education](http://bts.education).

**Bookstore Extended Hours for BTS**—Sept. 3-5 and Sept. 9. Call 205-776-5210 for availability and to set an appointment for purchase/pickup no later than 7:15 p.m.

**Come shop late with us!** The Bookstore is open until 6:30 p.m. on Wed. during MidWeek, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. other weekdays, and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Prayer**—Come and join us in the Prayer Room each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. for a time of prayer for our church family.

**Counseling in the Local Church I**—Begins on Wed., Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in A209. Dr. Stephen Cloud will teach how to conduct more effective personal ministry. Contact 205-776-5281 or [altadena@briarwood.org](mailto:altadena@briarwood.org) for details.

**DivorceCare**—Divorced or separated? Find help, discover hope and experience healing in this weekly support group. Begins Wed., Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in M202B. For more information, call 205-776-5281.

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

**GriefShare**—Begins Wed., Sept. 4 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in W202. If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, come to this 13-session class. Call the Pastoral Care Office at 205-776-5227 for more information.

**BYG 5th Quarter@The Barn**—Fri., Sept. 6 from 10:00-11:30 p.m. Bring your friends for a Silent Disco and pancake bar! Cost is \$5.

**Persecuted Church Prayer**—Sun., Sept. 8 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Ask the Pastor**—Wed., Sept. 11 in the Bride's Room at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to an interactive exchange on any question that you might like to ask. Come enjoy a great dinner and great dialogue about great doctrines. Dinner reservation at 205-776-5238.

**Friendship Partner Information/Orientation**—Come learn more on Thurs., Sept. 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Caroline House. Contact Laura at 205-776-5343 or [ldanner@briarwood.org](mailto:ldanner@briarwood.org) for information.

**Women's Fall Studies** start after Labor Day. Find details about all the studies in the WOC August Newsletter or the website! Register online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Men of the Covenant fall studies**—Begin Sept. 4. Topics include a studies of James, Galatians, and Exodus; Foundations of Discipleship; and *Indwelling Sin in Believers* by John Owen. See a list of studies and details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Sav-A-Life Baby Shower**—Oct. 1. For information about how you can give, serve, and participate, visit [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Mommy & Me Ballet Class**—Begins Thurs., Sept 12 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Toddlers, grab your favorite adult and come dance! Go to [briarwood.org/ballet/mommy-me](http://briarwood.org/ballet/mommy-me).

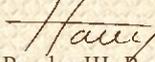
**Fall cheer classes**—Begin Sept. 3 for K5-2nd grade. Email [brendabparks@gmail.com](mailto:brendabparks@gmail.com) or go to [questrecreation.org](http://questrecreation.org) for more information.

**Job Openings**—See a complete listing with details at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

# 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](http://briarwood.org/calendar).

\* Nursery provided - please make weekday reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://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		Church and School offices closed
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TUESDAY	6:30 p.m.	CMMA Singles - Simpsons'
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WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105
	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner - FH
	* 6:30 p.m.	MidWeek Classes and Activities for all ages
	6:30 p.m.	Raiders@The Barn - The Barn
	7:00 p.m.	BYG@The Barn - The Barn
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THURSDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Studies - G101; FH-A
	9:30 a.m.	Pray for Our Nation - Wmn: Brides Rm/Men: Prayer Rm
	7:00 p.m.	Barker Bible Study - Cahaba Ridge (3090 Healthy Way)
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FRIDAY	* 9:30 a.m.	WOC Bible Studies - G101
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'

If you love to sing and worship, come give the Adult Choir a try any Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. No experience necessary!  
See [briarwood.org/music](http://briarwood.org/music) or call 205-776-5229.

Children and Youth Choirs meet Sundays beginning Sept. 8.  
4-year-olds-6th grade meet during the evening worship service.

See details and sign up at [briarwood.org/childrenschoirs](http://briarwood.org/childrenschoirs).

7th-12th grade meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

No experience necessary! Email [bwichlan@briarwood.org](mailto:bwichlan@briarwood.org) for details..



# Briarwood

Presbyterian Church PCA

The Lord's Day Morning, September 1, 2019

Rev. Benny Parks

“Plucked from the Fire!”

Zechariah 3:1-10 (page 794 in the ESV pew Bible)

Introduction

I. Be aware of SATAN'S SCHEMES (v. 1)

II. Live in light of God's SAVING GRACE (vv. 2-7)

III. Keep your focus on the BRUISED BRANCH (vv. 8-10)

Conclusion