For God’s glory, we are committed to equipping Christians to worship God and to reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - January 5, 2020

Worship Leaders
Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher
Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist
Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

The Confession of Truth
The Choral Offering of Worship
The Gospel Word of Salvation
The Invocation
The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession
Mr. Matthew Collins

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE
For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms
The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession
“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Dykes/Pethel)
Our great God, Sovereign of the universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, and not only love us with an everlasting love, but redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Invocation
The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Ascents
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn 8

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE
The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY
Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

The Presentation and Consecration of God’s Tithe 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
“Another Year Is Dawning” (Wesley, arr. Berg)

*The Confession of Truth

The Apostles’ Creed

The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs
“All I Have Is Christ” - “It Is Well My Soul” Hymn 493
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 Matthew 16:5–12

The Exposition of God’s Word Dr. Stephen Cloud

“The Beware of Leaven; Be Leaven” Matthew 16:5–12

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

*The Hymn of Preparation “There Is a Redeemer” Hymn 206 vv. 1, 2

*The Confession of Sin

The Receiving of the Elements

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 “There Is a Redeemer” Hymn 206 v. 3

The Postlude “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Watts)

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform.

† 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.

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.

“Behind the Veil” Revelation 5
Mr. Matthew Collins
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 the MidWeek activities that begin this week. Pray for those teaching and leading activities as they prepare. Pray we will grow stronger in the Lord this year.

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for Jack and Amy Baker who serve with FCA to impact athletes and coaches for Christ through sports in North Central Alabama. Pray for wisdom and discernment as Jack seeks to reach more schools for the Gospel in areas with great need by adding staff, volunteers and coaches. (The flag of Alabama is featured in today’s worship service.)

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Will you be a hospitality volunteer for the Embers to a Flame Conference Jan. 16–19? Hospitality volunteers provide housing and/or transportation for conference attendees and seminary students. Contact Kim at kvice@briarwood.org to volunteer.

Begin the new year in the Word by joining a men’s or women’s study group. Women of the Covenant and Men of the Covenant study group opportunities begin Jan. 6. See the list of all the studies on the Briarwood App or online at briarwood.org/women and briarwood.org/men.

Recharge your middle of the week this winter by coming to MidWeek at Briarwood, beginning Wed., Jan. 8. There are opportunities for the entire family to come together on Wednesday evenings for a Fellowship Dinner and to take part in a class or activity. See all the offerings for winter/spring 2020, as well as sign up for dinner and Nursery reservations on the Briarwood App or at briarwood.org/midweek. Make Wednesday evenings a time your family looks forward to every week!

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Bobbie Ledbetter on her death on Dec. 19; to Lee and Emily Atherton and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Dorothy ‘Dot’ Barnes, on Dec. 20; to Tammy, Elyse and Zach Jones and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Joyce Smith, on Dec. 20; to Betty Gibson, Shawn Schofield and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Mary Ann Jones, on Dec. 21; to Betty Taylor and family on the death of her husband, member Bob Taylor, on Dec. 26; to Kelly Hammond and family on the death of her brother, Lamar Newton, on Dec. 27; to August Griffith and family on the death of her grandmother, Pat Rhea, on Dec. 28; to Karen Hux and family on the death of her mother, Juanita ‘Nita’ Stemple, on Dec. 29; and to Phillip Dye and family on the death of his grandmother, Maurine Hunter, on Dec. 29.

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

New Year in the Bookstore—We are open Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., MidWeekWednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Trailblazers—Jan. 6 meet us at 10:00 a.m. to tour Samford’s Hodges Chapel and the Library collectibles, then lunch at Brio after. Contact Sharon at 205-776-5320 or sjohnston@briarwood.org for info.

Crown Ministry—Save more, become debt free, start investing for retirement, and be a good financial steward. Join a new group during MidWeek, beginning Jan. 8. Contact 205-776-5211 or dmatthews@briarwood.org to register.

Counseling in the Local Church II—Begins on Wed., Jan. 8 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 for details.

GriefShare—If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, come to the 13-session class beginning Wed., Jan. 8 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Call the Pastoral Care Office at 205-776-5227 to learn more.

DivorceCare—Divorced or separated? Find help, discover hope and experience healing in this weekly support group beginning Wed., Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 205-776-5281.

Women’s Precept Study—Begins this Thurs., Jan. 9 to finish the study of Romans. On Thurs., Feb. 6 we will begin 1 Samuel. Books are $20 in Women’s Ministry office.

BTS Jan Term classes—Theology of Missions (Jan. 9–11), Contemporary Issues in Worship (Jan. 9–11), and Church Revitalization/Embers Conf. (Jan. 16–19) at Briarwood. To find out more, go to bts.education or call 205-776-5356.

Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group—Come Tues., Jan. 14 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 205-776-5227.

Birmingham Rally and March for Life—Sat., Jan. 18 at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park (22nd St. S. at 10th Ave). Come march for life, rain or shine. Families are welcome!

Special Pastor’s Inquirer’s weekend class—Jan. 24–26 with sessions Friday from 6:00–8:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m.–noon, Sunday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. and a required luncheon (Feb. 2) for those planning to join. Nursery available for all classes. Attending the class does not require you to join, but it is required that you attend before joining. To sign up, call 205-776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Sportsman’s Blast—Coming Feb. 7! Past speaker Russell Thornberry, TV personality, ordained minister and devoted family man will be our guest. Get your tickets now in the Bookstore and online at briarwood.org/blast.

F. I. T. (Fitness Inspiring Togetherness) class—For 50 and beyond meets on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Ballet Room. Cost is $25/month (first class is free). For info, email brendabparks@gmail.com or go to questrecreation.org.

Wholehearted Fitness—Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Ballet Room. Class focused on all muscle groups, cardio bursts, and flexibility. Cost is $65/month or $10/class. Email kellypatrick123@gmail.com or go to questrecreation.org.

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 by youngblood@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 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.

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Begin 2020 in the Word with a devotional recommended by Pastor Reeder—Morning Exercises by Rev. William Jay or the One-Year Bible Reading Plan (three options) available in the Bookstore.