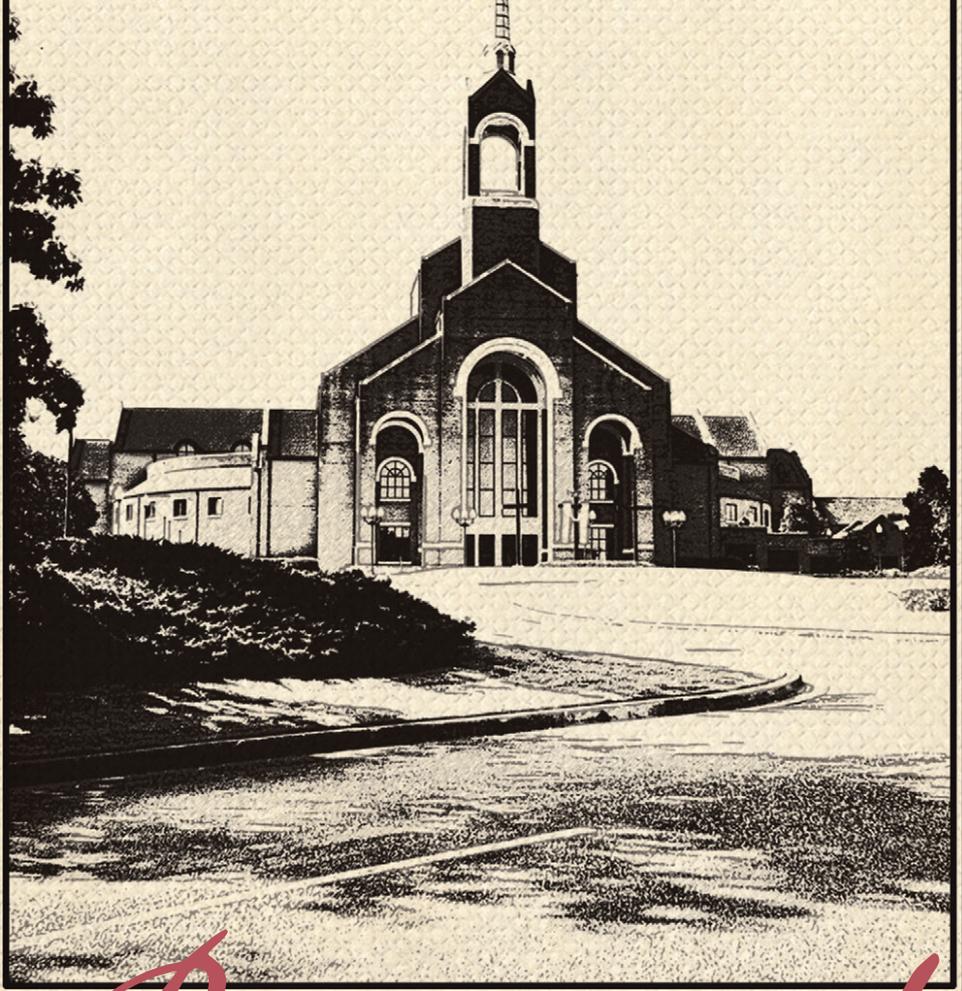




For God's glory,
we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

FELLOW WORKERS FOR THE TRUTH

2020 GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - February 23, 2020

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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Behold Our God" (arr. Cranfill)

Briarwood Orchestra

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

from *The Book of Common Worship*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents and Flag Processional

"Jesus Shall Reign" Hymn 231

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so... Psalm 107:2

The Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

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 Choral Offering of Worship

"Bought By the Blood" (arr. Haines)

*The Confession of Truth

Matthew 28:16-20

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs *"May the Peoples Praise You"* (Getty)

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

III John 5-8

The Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Richard Pratt

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"Our Mission Requires Us All"

III John 5-8

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 *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"* Hymn 296 v. 1

The Postlude

"O Zion, Haste" (Thomson)

* 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.

2020 Global Ministries Conference

Fellow Workers for the Truth

"Light in a World of Darkness"

Matthew 5:14-16

Dr. Richard Pratt

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *With my whole heart I will seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!* (Psalm 119:10)

Welcome and be in prayer for our missionaries as they join us this week. We rejoice with them as God works in and through their lives for His Kingdom.

Mission Prayer Focus: Ask the Lord to prepare our church members to hear Him calling from the Word of God preached by Dr. Richard Pratt, and from our missionaries this week. Pray members will be challenged to connect with the missionaries to pray for them and to participate in the Faith Promise.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

It's Global Ministries Conference Week! Our 31 ministry partners from around the world will share stories of God's work and Dr. Richard Pratt will speak this morning and in each evening worship service. Go to briarwood.org/gmc to find more details for the week. Pick up a conference brochure in today's service or at kiosks around the church.

Kids, meet our Briarwood missionaries! Come to GLOW (Children's Missions Conference) today at 6:00 p.m. and Mon.-Wed. at 6:30 p.m. GLOW (grades 1-6) meets in the Children's Auditorium. Mini-GLOW (K4 and K5) begins and ends in the nursery. Pick up your children before attending the dessert after the Glimpse sessions.

Come fellowship with our visiting missionary ladies at the Women's Missionary Coffee on Tues., Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the FH. We will share in a time of light refreshments, prayer and a word from two of our guests. RSVP your attendance or sign up to volunteer to Katie at krussell@briarwood.org. Make Nursery reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2020

Serving in the Nursery today: Legacy

Hospitalized: Betty Hull, Bob Turnbull, Charlene Yates, Ric Cull, Jack Harris, Wes Cline
We rejoice with Brad and Rachel Yarbro on the birth of their son, James Griffin, on Feb. 10, and with grandparents Barry and Peggy McCleskey.

Our love and sympathy to Hank Abbott and family on the death of his grandfather, Joe Boone Abbott, on Feb. 6; to Bailey Marks, Jr., and family on the death of his father, member Bailey Marks, Sr., on Feb. 13; and to Beau Green and family on the death of his grandmother, Mary Agnes Green, on Feb. 16.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Tom Cheely. The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in appreciation of our missionaries for their faithful service.

Announcements

Urban Ministry Prayer change—There will NOT be a prayer time today. Join us next month on Mar. 22 at 5:00 p.m. to pray for urban ministries in Birmingham.

Parenting Teens in the Digital Age—Mar. 5, 11:30 a.m. in The Barn. Come for lunch as we address use of phones, apps, etc. RSVP at briarwood.org/onthemenu by Mar. 3.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class begins Mar. 8. The class for newcomers and prospective members includes two Sun. mornings (Mar. 8 and 15), two Wed. nights (Mar. 11 and 18), and a luncheon (Mar. 22, required if planning to join). Attending classes doesn't obligate you to join. For information or to sign up, go to briarwood.org/pic or email wlong@briarwood.org.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—Mar. 1 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.

Trailblazers Lunch—Sun., Mar. 15 at 12:15 p.m. Senator Dan Roberts will speak on the "State of the State." Tickets in the Bookstore and at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University—Learn the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more, beginning Mar. 4 in M111. Contact dmatthews@briarwood.org to register or call 205-116-5211.

Spring Soccer—Sign-up is open for both boys and girls, ages 5-14. Registration forms available on kiosks at the church, at briarwoodsoccer.com or by calling 205-776-5114.

Camp Briarwood—Registration is now OPEN for rising 1st-10th graders! Day Camp and Overnight Camp options are available. Registration brochures can be found on the church kiosks, at campbriarwood.org, or by calling the Quest Office at 205-776-5237.

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

Administrative Assistant for Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama. Full-time position with benefits. This job requires computer software skills—Word, Excel, Shelby (training available), basic skills in maintaining/updating websites and using social media to promote the ministry as well as the ability to multi-task. If you are interested, send résumé to Bobby Parks at bjparks@briarwood.org.

Global Ministry Conference Information

Make reservations for nursery age children each night at briarwood.org/nursery. The Nursery will open Mon.–Thurs. at 5:45 p.m. to receive children after dinner. See conference schedule for pick-up times.

Decorate a cake for the cake contest on Tues., Feb. 25. Sign up at jallen@briarwood.org.

Raiders and BYG will meet together at 6:00 p.m. to eat, then hear a special missionary speaker on Wed., Feb. 26 at The Barn.

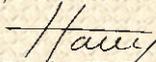
Be a prayer partner for a visiting missionary—Come Thurs., Feb. 27 from 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. to a prayer breakfast in FH-D to meet and pray with your missionary. To be paired, contact Liz Entrekin at lizentrekin@aol.com or text/call 205-602-9439.

Dinner and Fellowship: Monday–Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the FH. Join the fellowship and enjoy a delicious dinner prior to the nightly events. No reservations needed. Cost: Adults \$7; Children \$4 (\$21 family max).

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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| SUNDAY | * 8:00 a.m. | Worship with Richard Pratt preaching - Worship Center |
| | * 8:00 a.m. | Intercessory Prayer - Prayer Room |
| | * 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| | * 10:55 a.m. | Worship with Richard Pratt preaching - Worship Center |
| | * 10:55 a.m. | Intercessory Prayer - Prayer Room |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Japanese Worship Service - G101 |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Youth Choir - Choir Room |
| | * 6:00 p.m. | Worship with Richard Pratt preaching - Worship Center |
| * 7:15 p.m. | Global Glimpse - See insert | |
| * 7:40 p.m. | Dessert and Displays - FH | |
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| MONDAY | 6:30 a.m. | MOC Bible Study - FH-E&F |
| | 9:30 a.m. | L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room |
| | * 5:15 p.m. | Dinner and Fellowship - FH (*Nursery 5:45-8:00 p.m.) |
| | * 6:30 p.m. | Worship with Richard Pratt preaching - Worship Center |
| | * 7:15 p.m. | Global Glimpse - See insert |
| * 7:40 p.m. | Dessert and Displays - FH | |
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| TUESDAY | * 9:30 a.m. | Women's Missionary Coffee - FH |
| | 11:45 a.m. | MOC Study - Cajun Seafood House (2531 Rocky Ridge Rd) |
| | * 5:15 p.m. | Dinner and Fellowship - FH (*Nursery 5:45-8:00 p.m.) |
| | * 6:30 p.m. | Worship with Richard Pratt preaching - Worship Center |
| | * 7:15 p.m. | Global Glimpse - See insert |
| * 7:40 p.m. | Dessert and Displays - FH | |
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| WEDNESDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105 |
| | * 5:15 p.m. | Dinner and Fellowship - FH (*Nursery 5:45-8:00 p.m.) |
| | * 6:30 p.m. | Global Glimpse - See insert |
| | * 7:15 p.m. | Global Glimpse - See insert |
| | * 7:40 p.m. | Dessert and Displays - FH |
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| THURSDAY | * 9:30 a.m. | Pray for Our Nation - Women:WC Lobby/Men:Prayer Rm |
| | * 6:30 p.m. | Covered Dish Dinners - See insert (*Nursery 5:30-9:15 p.m.) |
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| FRIDAY | 6:30 a.m. | MOC Bible Study - G101 |
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| SATURDAY | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases' |

