

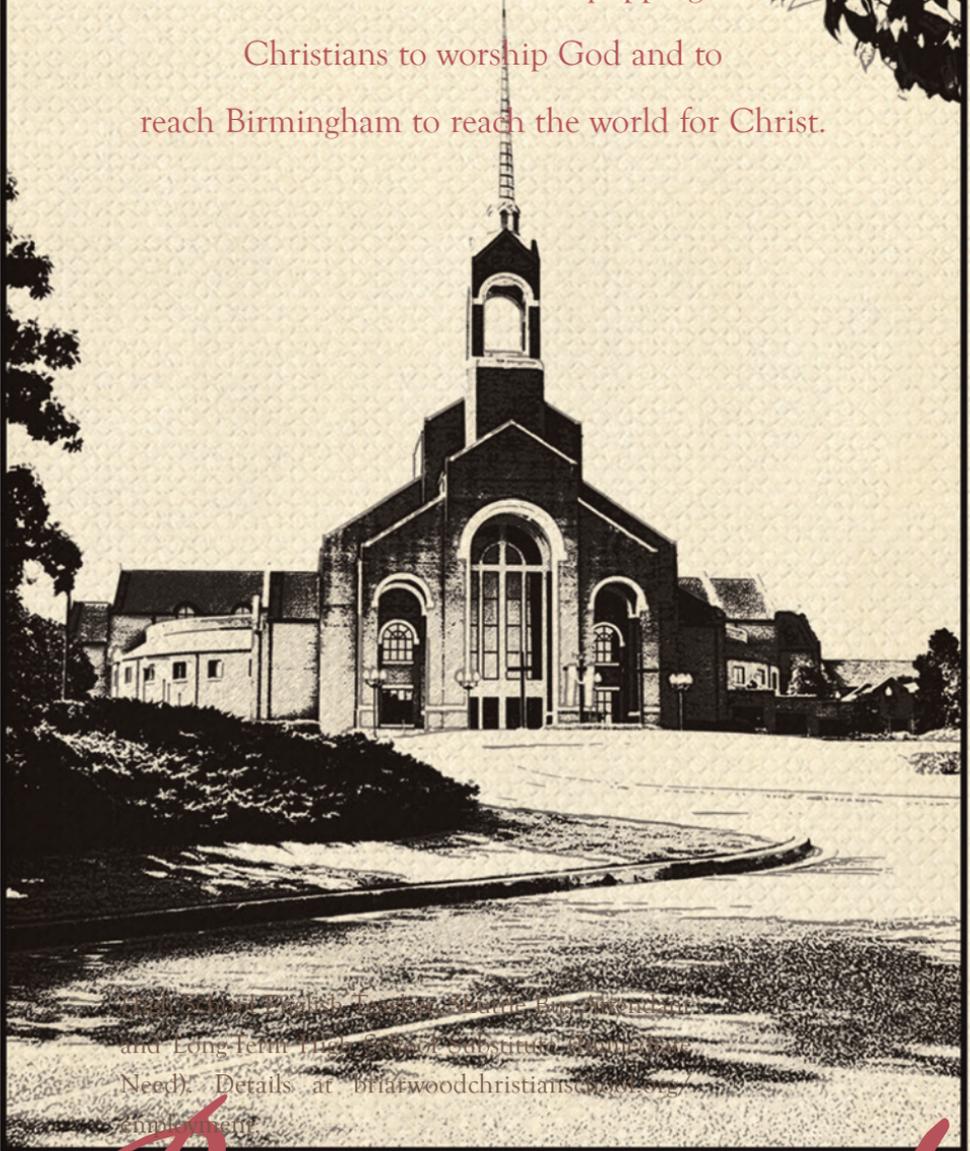


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Presbyterian Church, PCA



# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - March 22, 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

## 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

Psalm 46:10

All: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You alone do I trust, O my God. Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. For the sake of Your name forgive my iniquity, for it is great. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. These things I ask in the strong name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### The Hymn of Ascents "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Hymn 108 · "In Christ Alone"

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing for evermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, What depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3*

### 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 98:1a6*

### The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. II Corinthians 9:6*

### The Musical Offering of Worship

*"Lord, I Need You" (Reeves/Stanfill)*

*Lord I come, I confess, Bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.*

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are.  
Where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me.*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.*

*So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.*

### The Confession of Truth

Romans 8:28-31

**All:** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. What then shall we say to those things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*"This Is Amazing Grace" · "Be Thou My Vision"*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, Who's love is mighty,  
And so much stronger? The King of Glory, The King above all kings.  
Who shakes the whole earth With holy thunder, And leaves us breathless  
In awe and wonder? The King of Glory, The King above all kings.

[Chorus:] This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love, That You would take my place,  
That You would bear my cross. You laid down Your life That I would be set free.  
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory. Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
(Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (x3)  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Worthy, worthy, worthy! (Chorus)

All that You've done for me, all that You've done for me.

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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading

Genesis 50: 22–27

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

II. Crisis and the Christian in Biblical Perspective

*Lessons from a Crisis in the Life of Joseph*

“Framing the Picture”

Genesis 50: 22–27

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

The Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Affirmation

*“The Doxology with Alleluias”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

“Conversations on this Present Distress with Harry & Bruce”  
available online; see details on the last panel

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord. *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul.* (Psalm 23:1, 2)

Pray for our city, state, nation and the world during the virus. Pray many will stop their busy schedules, open their Bibles, read the Word of God and receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for Dr. Tom and Connie Edwards as he directs the Hope Health Center in Fairfield, whose mission is to share the hope found in Jesus Christ by providing whole-person healthcare to a medically underserved community. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they minister to bring wholeness and healing. (*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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You may still purchase a lily in memory or honor of someone to be placed for Easter Sunday in the Worship Center. Cost is \$10 per dedication/plant. Order online at [briarwood.org/lily](http://briarwood.org/lily). As Easter Sunday approaches, we will let you know how you may acquire your lily after the day's services.

Looking for an incredible summer experience? Camp Briarwood registration is now OPEN for rising 1st-10th graders! Day Camp and Overnight Camp options are available. Registration brochures are available online at [briarwood.org/camp](http://briarwood.org/camp), [cambriarwood.org](http://cambriarwood.org), or by calling the Quest Office at 205-776-5237.

Continue to pray for the Faith Promise giving. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, you still have till the end of the month to respond. Mail your card back to the church or email your Faith Promise Pledge to Fred Morris at [fmorris@briarwood.org](mailto:fmorris@briarwood.org).

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Scott Austin, Wayne Crawford, Rosine Feist, Karen Franks, Betty Hull, Jonathan Jeff, Barbara Kent, Brian O'Brien, George Lummis

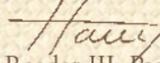
We rejoice with Kevin and Rachel Plyler on the birth of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, on Mar. 12; and to Brandon and Anne Marie Runnels on the birth of their son, Frederick Scott, on Mar. 16 and grandparents Jim and Michelle Gewin.

Our love and sympathy to Marsha Anders and family on the death of her husband, member Louis Anders, on Mar. 14; to Joy Blazer, Chris Blazer and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Kathleen Miller, on Mar. 17; and to Tom and Sharon Coffield on the death of their son, Zachary Thomas Coffield, on Mar. 18.

# Welcome, Guest

We're delighted you are worshipping with us online today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have and minister to you in any way. Please call the Church Office at 205-776-5200 or email us at [info@briarwood.org](mailto:info@briarwood.org) anytime. 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

## New Interim Worship / Ministry Plan

**Shepherding One Another:** Our present situation obviously calls for an increase in our shepherding and caring for one another. We will increase our contact ministry primarily through our Congregational Communities and we encourage you to reach out to someone each day to see how they are doing and to pray with them. Should ministry needs arise calling for in person contact, please do not hesitate to let us know by calling 205.776.5200 or emailing [info@briarwood.org](mailto:info@briarwood.org) as we will have select members of our pastoral staff respond.

**AM Worship:** You can watch our regular Lord's Day worship services at 8:00 and 10:55 streamed on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, Apple TV and Roku. For later viewing of the service, it will be available on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, Roku and Vimeo. Click here for instructions on how to access these different options.

**PM Worship:** We will provide a new recorded program called *Conversations on this Present Distress with Harry & Bruce* where we will answer questions that we are receiving. It will air at 6:00 p.m. on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, Apple TV and Roku, then will be available on demand on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, YouTube, Roku and Vimeo. You may submit your questions to [askthepastor@briarwood.org](mailto:askthepastor@briarwood.org).

**Congregational Communities:** Your teachers for this quarter are being encouraged to audio record their lessons each week. These recordings will be sent to each community via their class emails. If your teacher is not able to record their lessons then we will provide other recordings for you.

**Men & Women of the Covenant:** Lessons for each study will also be audio recorded, sent to participants of each study and available online.

**Children & Youth Ministry:** Videos designed for students and children will be produced each week and sent to students and their families, along with being placed online.

**Small Group Bible Study:** For the protection of everyone the church is transitioning today to limited on campus operations. Therefore the church will not be available for small group studies. We encourage continued communication with your small groups and the use of technology as opposed to meeting together. There are many recorded resources on our website for your use.

**If you need assistance** with how to watch a video online or listen to an audio recording that is emailed to you please visit our website and you will find a link to helpful instructions on our homepage. If you need more assistance, please call the church office and we will have someone contact you.

