

# *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

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - April 26, 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

*...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12*

### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 18:2

[All:] 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.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, O Lord, with heart-felt repentance I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I by faith receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### The Hymn of Ascents

"The Solid Rock" Hymn 404

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[Refrain]:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand —  
All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the 'whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. (Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Chorus)

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172*

### 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. II Corinthians 9:7*

### The Musical Offering of Worship

*"Be Strong" from Psalm 40 (Egan/McClarney)*

*Here in this place I will wait patiently. Lord, hear my cry; Hear my heart, rescue me.*

*Pull me out of the pit; Put a song on my lips of victory.*

*Set my feet on the rock; Speak a word to my heart so I can sing.*

*[Refrain:]*

*Be strong, be not afraid; For the Lord is soon on His way.*

*He will breakthrough; He'll tear through the night (dark).*

*Then finally, Heaven stood and heard my plea.*

*Now a brand new song; For a brand new day He lives in me. (Refrain x2)*

*I remind my soul, I remind my soul, I remind my soul, I remind my soul.*

*He pulled me out of the pit; He put a song on my lips.*

*He set my feet on the rock; He spoke a word to my heart. (Repeat)*

*(Refrain) Be strong.*

### The Confession of Faith

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, qq. 1-3*

*[Leader]: What is the chief purpose for which man is made?*

**[All]: The chief purpose for which man is made is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.**

*[Leader]: What rule has God given to direct us how to glorify and enjoy Him?*

**[All]: The Word of God, which consists of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy Him.**

*[Leader]: What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

**[All]: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

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

*"Build My Life" • "How Deep the Father's Love"*

*[Praise Team:]*

*Worthy of every song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.*

*Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You.*

*[All:]*

*Jesus, the Name above every other name. Jesus, the only One who could ever save.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You, Oh, we live for You.*

*[Chorus:]*

*Holy, there is no one like You, There is none beside You.*

*Open up my eyes in wonder.*

*Show me who You are And fill me with Your heart,*

*And lead me in Your love to those around me.*

And I will build my life upon Your love.  
It is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone,  
And I will not be shaken. (Repeat) (Chorus x 2)

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He would give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom. (Repeat)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2*

### The Prayer of Illumination

### The Old Testament Reading

Daniel 1

### The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

V. Crisis and the Christian in Biblical Perspective

“Foundations and Crisis”

Daniel 1

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

### 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 are also available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv). Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv).

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

*“Conversations on this Present Distress with Harry & Bruce”*

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2*

Please be in prayer and give thanks to our Lord for the technology available to Briarwood to bring our Sunday Communities, prayer groups, study groups and Sunday services to homes each week. Thank God that with His provision we can still reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.

New York—Please be in prayer for the people of New York. In many ways this has been the epicenter of impact for Coronavirus in the US. They have over 250,000 of their residents who have been infected and well over 18,600 who have died from this pandemic. Please pray for one of Briarwood's long-time ministry partners, Samaritan's Purse, as they respond to this crisis medically and spiritually. They have deployed an emergency field hospital in Central Park to assist area hospitals by caring for patients. Also, pray for our National ministry partners; Vicky Samaritano serving with CRU and Matthew Terrell serving with RUF, both in NY. (*The flag of New York is featured in today's worship service.*)

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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There are currently several opportunities available for community outreach. In addition to those listed on the next panel, you can volunteer to help feed the needy with Christian Service Mission. You may also make a donation to Christian Service Ministry or Samaritan's Purse. Find details on all current outreach opportunities by going to [briarwood.org/covid19outreach](http://briarwood.org/covid19outreach).

Briarwood continues providing online streaming of all our services. This includes our Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. as well as *Conversations on this Present Distress with Harry and Bruce* at 6:00 p.m. Watch live services at [briarwood.org/livety](http://briarwood.org/livety), on the Briarwood App, Facebook, Roku, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen at [briarwood.org/archivety](http://briarwood.org/archivety), on the Briarwood App, Facebook and Vimeo. As always, both morning worship services are available live on WLJR, 88.5-FM.

To support the foster families in our congregation, the Fostering Hope Committee is collecting the names of our members who are foster parents. Please send us your name and any way we can provide assistance to your family to David and Tami Wells at [dwdodgers@charter.net](mailto:dwdodgers@charter.net) or 205-587-9553.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Louis Henderson, Brian O'Brien, Betty Hull

We rejoice with Kevin and Rachel Plyler on the birth of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, on March 12; with Ben and Sally Neill on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Lovingood, on April 16.

Our love and sympathy to Lynn O'Neal and family on the death of her father, Dan Calloway, on Apr. 13; to Bonnie Richards and family on the death of her sister, Alison Gay Hogan, on Apr. 12.



# Faith Promise Report

In God's Sovereign Goodness, Briarwood's Faith Promise pledges this year have exceeded our Hallelujah Goal by a significant margin, reaching a final total of \$2,732,502.90. To God be the Glory! Of course, recent weeks have been filled with many unexpected and challenging experiences and adjustments for us. God is leading us all down paths that will by His grace be faith building and for that we give Him Glory. Our Fellow Workers around the world are ministering faithfully in the Midst of this pandemic. We have heard from many who are seeing new openness for the Gospel in lands where previously the soil has been tough. Let's unite in prayer for God to strengthen and bless our Fellow Workers and to increase our faith as He builds His Global Church.

Bryan Wintersteen, Missions Pastor

## COVID-19 Community Outreach

We are joining together with love for our neighbors to minister to those who are in need in Birmingham, our country and the world. Please read over the different opportunities to serve and give listed below and prayerfully consider how you can be a part of caring for those who have been most impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic:

### Briarwood Disaster Relief Fund

The Briarwood Presbyterian Church Disaster Relief Fund is open. All financial gifts designated for Disaster Relief will be distributed to local and national organizations to minister to those in need due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Checks sent to the church should be made to Briarwood and designated to "Disaster Relief Fund."

### Community Food Drive

Items donated will go to help feed those in need in the Birmingham Metro area.

Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Briarwood Presbyterian Church, 2200 Briarwood Way, Birmingham, AL 35243 - Truck is located in Parking Lot A (Acton Road entrance and on your right)

Items to Donate: Canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned beans, rice, oatmeal, cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, pop-tarts, breakfast bars

Please be sure to practice social distancing while donating to the Community Food Drive. Submit questions to Chris Thompson at [cthompson@briarwood.org](mailto:cthompson@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5227.

For more opportunities, go to [briarwood.org/covid19outreach](http://briarwood.org/covid19outreach)

### Listen to Pastor Reeder's Daily Programs

*In Perspective* (M-F, Sunday; 30-minute expositional study)

*Today In Perspective* (M-F; 10-minute look at current news)

*Fresh Bread* (M-F; 5-minute devotional)

The easiest way to hear these is by downloading the Briarwood App. It's free and in all App Stores by searching "briarwoodpca."

They also are on WLJR-FM 88.5. Go to [briarwood.org/wljr](http://briarwood.org/wljr) to see the program schedule.

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