

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

RESURRECTION SABBATH

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - April 12, 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

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:21

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 16:10-11

[All:] For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.

from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Resurrection

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (Rutter)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earthy reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done—Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!

Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Tim. 2:1

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

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 Ministry in Music

"I've Just Seen Jesus" (Gaither, orch. Haines)
Audrey Jowers and Darryl Stracner, soloists

The Confession of Truth

The Apostles' Creed

[Leader:] *Christians, what do you believe?*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed" · "Because He Lives" Hymn 213

How can it be, the One who died, Has born our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

[Refrain:] Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed, "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed."

Where doubt and darkness once had been, They saw Him and their hearts believed,
That blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, They preach the truth and pow'r of grace.

In pouring out their lives they gave life, life everlasting. (Refrain)

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to pow'rfully save.

He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go, tell of His goodness! (Refrain x 2)

He is risen! He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are open wide!

He's alive, He's alive, Now in Heaven, glorified.

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He's alive, He's alive, Now in Heaven, glorified.

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

[Refrain:] Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:

This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! (Refrain)

And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain;

And then, as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! (Refrain)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. I Tim. 4:13

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading

Luke 24

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

Resurrection Sabbath

"The Resurrection Day Ministry of Christ—3 Encounters"

Luke 24

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

The Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Affirmation

"The Day of Resurrection" Hymn 226 v. 1

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

The Postlude

Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at briarwood.org/livetv. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

"Conversations on this Present Distress with Harry & Bruce"

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Facebook, Roku and AppleTV

Watch all services anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv and on Facebook and Vimeo.

Please see the Easter Sunrise Service Order of Worship on the next panel.

Celebration of Worship

HE IS RISEN!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 12, 2020 • 6:30 a.m.

(Text to hymns will be displayed on the broadcast screen.)

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

Matthew 28:1-10

The Invocation

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

The Hymn of Triumph

“Christ Arose”

The New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 15:20-26

[Leader:] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

[All:] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

[Leader:] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

[All:] But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

[Leader:] For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

[All:] The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

[All:] Thanks be to God.

The Hymn of Praise

“Worship Christ the Risen King”

The Ministry in Music

“Living Hope”

Elizabeth Jordan and Ron Philley

The Message

“The Power in the Cure”

Bruce Stallings

John 20

The Congregational Response

“He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior He’s in the world today. I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him He’s always near.

[Refrain]: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, So good and kind. *(Refrain)*

The Benediction

Pastor Reeder

The Postlude

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord. *The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.* (Psalm 98:2)

Pray for our city, state, nation and the world during this pandemic. Pray that the message of Easter, the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ, will be proclaimed and heard throughout our nation and the world.

Mission Prayer Focus: Remember our National and Global Partners throughout the U.S. and the world as they and their families cope with this pandemic. Pray for their health, and that in the present situation opportunities might arise for a bold and effective witness for the Lord. May many come to know the Lord during this time of hardship and uncertainty.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

There are several opportunities available for community outreach. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., food items may be donated by dropping off items to the truck parked in Parking Lot A (first right upon entering the campus from Acton Road exit). Suggested items are listed on the website. Also available, you can volunteer with Christian Service Mission to distribute food to area families in need, donate to Christian Service Ministry or Samaritan's Purse. The Briarwood Disaster Relief Fund is open for donations, as well. Find details on all these by going to briarwood.org and clicking “More Info” on COVID-19 Community Outreach at the top of the page.

Briarwood will continue providing streaming online 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. As always, both morning worship services are available on WLJR, 88.5-FM. Video for all services is available on demand afterwards, as well. Live streams may be seen at briarwood.org/livetelecast, on the Briarwood App, Facebook, Roku, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen at briarwood.org/archivetelecast, on the Briarwood App, Facebook and Vimeo.

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 or 205-587-9553.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Wayne Crawford, Betty Hull, Brian O'Brien, Leila Welch, Gaston White