

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

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - May 10, 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

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

Psalm 138:2

[All:] I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name
for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted
above all things Your name and Your Word.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

Holy Father, whose eyes cannot look upon iniquity, and who cannot tolerate wrong, but who also loves me and sent Your Son to save me from my sins, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what I have done and by what I have not done. Forgive me; and grant to me the heartfelt knowledge that You have cleansed me of all my sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Ascents

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Hymn 64 vv. 1, 5

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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 Tithes 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

"His Mercy Is More" (Boswell)

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

[Chorus:]

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus x 2)
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

The Confession of Truth

Galatians 2:20

[All:] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

[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" Hymn 382 vv. 1, 3, 4

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose 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 lay 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, worthy, worthy. (Chorus)
All that You've done for me.

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.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won;
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what'er befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all!

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 Old Testament Reading

Joshua 5:13-15

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

VII. Crisis and the Christian in Biblical Perspective
"Joshua and the Jericho Crisis"
Joshua 5:13-15

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

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. 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"

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O My God, in You I trust.* Psalm 25:1,2a

Please be in prayer and pray for God's protection over mothers and families throughout our city, nation and other countries. May all mothers today feel God's love in their lives. Pray God will be known and believed throughout the world, that His Word will be read and that Jesus will be lifted up as our true Savior.

In Matthew 25:36, Jesus reminds us to care for those who are in prison. Please be in prayer for Briarwood supported prison ministry partners Shane O'Hara (Team 5:18 in LA); Shepherd's Fold Re-entry program in AL and the director, Jack Hausen; Mark Casson (MNA Metanoia Prison Ministry, TN); Bob McPherson (serving with Cru at St. Clair Prison in AL); Briarwood member Richard Condrey and his team, as well as the We Care Program-both ministering at Donaldson Prison; and the BTS prison ministry at Bibb County. Pray that prisoners will be encouraged through written letters and Zoom Bible studies and classes. Pray also for the Angel Tree ministry to children of prisoners, and consider how you might be involved this year.

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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/livetv, on the Briarwood App, Facebook, Roku, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen at briarwood.org/archivetv, on the Briarwood App, Facebook and Vimeo. As always, both morning worship services are available live on WLJR, 88.5-FM.

There are currently several opportunities available for community outreach. Briarwood's Disaster Relief Fund remains open; our ongoing Food Drive continues; 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 these and all current outreach opportunities by going to briarwood.org/covid19outreach.

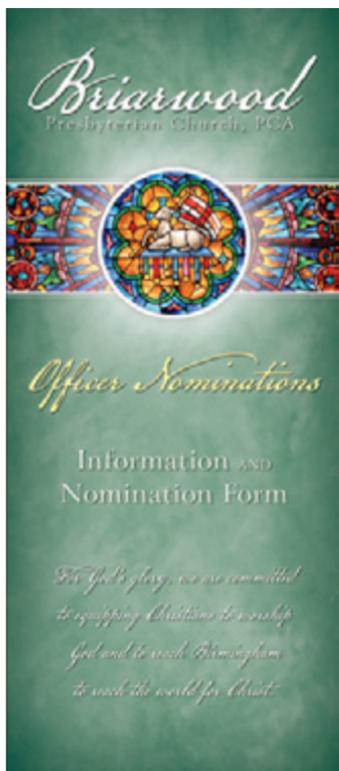
Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Jerry Satterwhite

We rejoice with Jonathan and Morgan Neely on the birth of their daughter, Meredith Kate, on Apr. 30, and with grandparents Andy and Charisse Graves.

Our love and sympathy to Dorel Elliott and family on the death of her sister, Lois Parry, on Apr. 25; to Colleen Taylor and family on the death of her mother, Patsy Bryan, on Apr. 28; to the family of member Jo Anne Tyler, who died on Apr. 28; to Bobby Bardin and family on the death of his stepfather, Jerald Goodoien, on Apr. 28; to Nathan Smith and family on the death of his father, Wheeler Smith, on Apr. 30; to Keri McGehee and family on the death of her grandfather, James McConnell, on May 1; and to Jenny Ward and family on the death of her mother, Martha Young, on May 2.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS MONTH



The month of May is the time during which nominations are accepted for officer candidates (deacons and elders) for the class of 2023. It is a very important duty that we have as members and leaders to nominate quality men for these offices. The Bible calls the members of the church to “select from among themselves” those leaders whom God has called, gifted, and affirmed. Therefore, each year the Briarwood membership and existing leadership engages in this process of nomination, training, examination, election, ordination and installation.

We would ask that you pray diligently and thoughtfully in consideration of names of men that you know who meet the criteria for officers laid out in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The primary qualification for Elders and Deacons is to be “above reproach.” Being “above reproach” obviously does not require sinless perfection, but a demonstrated obedience in all areas of life.

Please read the brochure on our website at briarwood.org/nominations and then submit qualified names. In light of our current COVID-19 situation, nominations may be submitted by using the online form found at the bottom of the page at briarwood.org/nominations or sent by email to lreese@briarwood.org.

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