

# THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MAY 15, 2020 •

Praise The Lord!

Beginning this Sunday, May 17 we start the intentional process of being able to gather together (IN PERSON) for worship in one of three morning worship services assigned by Congregational Communities. This will certainly be a process and for everyone's welfare we are seeking to carefully follow the recommended "Guidelines for Places of Worship" to help us define "strict social distancing" at Briarwood. Our Health Department has communicated that in this phase not everyone should attend large gatherings even where there is strict social distancing. Of course, other than having the virus or being sick, we would not mandate someone not coming, but out of love and concern we do pass along these encouragements and we will continue providing our streaming schedule for our services on Sunday morning.

Prior to gathering in worship this Sunday, please read our Interim Worship Plan C and serve one another by following the social distancing protocols. While we look forward to seeing one another and fellowshiping together, we do ask that upon arriving you make your way to the open pews and return to the parking lot as soon as the service is concluded. This will help us maintain safe distances and allow us to clean the Worship Center between services. Also please consider which of the seven entrances you will use and let's spread out using the different parking lots located near those doors.

We are eager to worship our Lord together in a safe environment and we trust Him above all else with our safety. Please join together in praying for our Lord to protect our gathering in worship.

May God and God Alone be Glorified!

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# Congregational Communities Worship Schedule for May 17

## 8:00 a.m.

Abundant Life / Deeper Life / Discovery / Faithful Followers /  
Joyful Hearts / Kingdom Builders / Mountain View / R.E.A.L. Life

## 9:30 a.m.

Covenant Keepers / Family Life / Growing Together / Hearts & Homes /  
Homestead / In One Accord / Inside Out / Leveraging Life /  
Sojourners / Women Impacting the World

## 11:00 a.m.

College / Encounter / Family Matters / Firm Foundations /  
Graduates & Career / Growing in Grace / Heritage Builders / Homefront /  
International / Legacy / Next Step / Teambuilders / The Oaks

## Defining “Strict Social Distancing” at Briarwood

If you are sick or someone in your household is sick, please stay home and participate via streaming.

If you are at high risk to the coronavirus or someone in your household is at high risk, please stay home and participate via streaming.

Please allow an open parking space between your car and any others.

Please maintain 6' of separation at all times with anyone not living in your household.

Please feel free to bring and wear your facial coverings. We will provide disposable face coverings at each entrance.

Please use the Hand Sanitizers available at all seven open entrances and exits.  
(Worship Center Front, Worship Center East Side, Administration,  
Accounting, Shipping & Receiving, Ministries Lobby, Chapel)

Please make your way directly to an open pew from the parking lot when arriving and directly back to your car as soon as the service concludes.

Although it is recommended by our health department that churches leave every other pew empty, we have opened every third pew creating two pews (or six feet) of separation for everyone's protection. Two or more members of the same household can sit next to one another as long as there is six feet of separation on either side of them as a group.

Nursery will remain closed during this phase; however, we will provide strict social distancing Children's Worship during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service.

There will be no water fountains available for use and we will have two sets of restrooms (Worship Center Lobby & Library Hallway) available if necessary.

We will sanitize the Worship Center and restrooms between services.

**Add “The Colors” to Briarwood’s Way of the Flags—dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone now by going online to [briarwood.org/flag](https://briarwood.org/flag) by June 14.**

# CONVERSATIONS ON THIS PRESENT DISTRESS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings  
answer questions submitted to  
[askthepastor@briarwood.org](mailto:askthepastor@briarwood.org)  
Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

Available on [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org), Facebook,  
Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.



# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - May 17, 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

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

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

Psalm 8:1

[All:] I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

O Lord, unto You I lift my soul! I praise You that You have granted me mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Your perfect Son on my behalf at Calvary's cross. I come today with thanksgiving in my heart and praise upon my lips for the sustaining grace that You supply each day through the work of Your Holy Spirit in my life. Complete that work of redemption and sanctification, drawing me ever closer to my Savior. Grant to me a deep and abiding love for You, for Your Word, and for Your Church, that I might order my steps in a manner that pleases You and brings glory to You alone. Receive my praise this day as I offer it in Jesus' name, Amen.

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymn 8 vv. 1, 3, 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again:

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness  
in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

### 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 Musical Offering of Worship

*"As the Hart Pants" (Mendelssohn)*

*As the hart pants after the water brook, so panteth my soul for Thee, O God.*

### \*The Confession of Truth

The Apostles' Creed

*[Leader:] Christian, 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.

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

*"10,000 Reasons" • "Sovereign Over Us"*

*[Chorus:]*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul  
I worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing When the evening comes. (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His Holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I worship Your Holy name, I worship Your Holy name,  
I worship Your Holy name.

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There is strength within the sorrow, There is beauty in our tears  
You meet us in our mourning, With a love that casts out fear.  
You are working in our waiting, Sanctifying us  
When beyond our understanding, You're teaching us to trust.

[Chorus:]

Your plans are still to prosper, You have not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood.  
Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined, Who could understand Your ways?  
Reigning high above the heavens, Reaching down in endless grace.  
You're the Lifter of the lowly, Compassionate and kind  
You surround and You uphold me, Your promises are my delight. (Chorus)

Even what the enemy means for evil You turn it for our good,  
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.  
Even in the valley You are faithful You're working for our good,  
You're working for our good and for Your glory. (Repeat) (Chorus)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*The New Testament Reading**

I Timothy 3:14-4:2

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

I. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective  
"I Believe..."

"Confessions and Creeds"

I Timothy 3:14-4:2

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3*

**\*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**

\* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

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"*

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Facebook, Roku and AppleTV

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