

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 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 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. 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.

*universal

*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.

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. 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"

available online at briarwood.org/livetv and on
Facebook, Roku and AppleTV

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.

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.

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the LORD! *I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my plea for mercy.* (Psalm 116:1)

Please be in prayer for Christians to stand strong in the midst of this storm and continue to show and share their love for Jesus.

Pray for the many international students at UAB who are unable to return home this summer. Some are dealing with extreme fear and loneliness. Others are experiencing anxiety and disappointment. Pray that the the light of the Gospel will shine with incredible brightness as we seek to serve them, love them, and lead them to Truth.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

As we begin the process of reopening, we announce a new schedule for May 17 to include three one-hour services at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. See the next panel for the assignment of Sunday Communities to specific services and read details on how “strict social distancing” will be defined for Briarwood at this time. Children’s Church will be provided during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services; please take your children there on your way into worship and pick them up on your way out.

Briarwood will continue providing streaming online of 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, these morning worship services are available on WLJR, 88.5-FM. 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.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Jeff Robertson

We rejoice with Bradford and Elizabeth Bondurant on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Brett, on May 7, and with grandparents Jim and Libby Bragan.



Add “The Colors” to the Way of the Flags

**Dedicate a U.S. flag
in memory or honor of someone
for our Christianity in America
Celebration.**

Make your dedication by Sun., June 14.

online at briarwood.org/flag
or in the Membership Office.

Cost is \$15 per dedication.