

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 24, 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

"I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation

I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 46:11

[All:] The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" (arr. Travis)

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

from *The Book of Common Worship*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"By Faith" (Getty/Townend)

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign.

(Chorus:)

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward;
Till the race is finished And the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear.
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost;
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth. (Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the Gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible – For all who call upon His name.

(Chorus x 2)

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant 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 Musical Offering of Worship

"This I Believe (The Creed)" (Fielding/Crocker)

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One, God Almighty.

Through Your Holy Spirit, Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

[Chorus:]

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is three in one.

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again.

For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Our Judge and our Defender, Suffered and crucified.

Forgiveness is in You. Descended into darkness,

You rose in glorious life. Forever seated high. (Chorus)

I believe in You. I believe You rose again.

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.

I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church.

I believe in the resurrection When Jesus comes again.

For I believe in the name of Jesus, For I believe in the name of Jesus.

*The Confession of Truth

The Trinitarian Apostles' Creed

[Leader:] Christian, what do you believe concerning God the Father?

[All:] I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

[Leader:] Christian, what do you believe concerning Christ the Son?

[All:] I believe 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 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.

[Leader:] Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

[All:] 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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Hymn 410 v. 1 • "Behold Our God"

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice.

[Chorus:]

Behold our God, seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King—nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man;
God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. (Chorus)

[Men:] You will reign forever.

[Women:] Let Your glory fill the earth. (x 4) (Chorus x 2)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***The New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

II. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

"I Believe..."

"Saving Faith"

Ephesians 2:1-10

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

***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

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (Dykes)

* 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 with Harry and Bruce"

available online at briarwood.org/livetv and on

Facebook, Roku and AppleTV

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Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the LORD! *The Lord is at hand, do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*
Philippians 4:6

Please be in prayer that the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The next Embers to a Flame Conference is scheduled for September 24-26, 2020 at Redeemer OPC in Grand Rapids, MI. May the Lord prepare the heart of each pastor and church leader who plan to attend. Pray for the Embers to a Flame team as they share from God's Word strategies for church health and

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Briarwood will continue providing streaming online of our Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. as well as *Conversations 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: Caroline Black, Herb Rader, Charlene Yates, Linda Rose

We rejoice with Matt and Sue Collins on the birth of their son, Noah Christopher, on May 15.

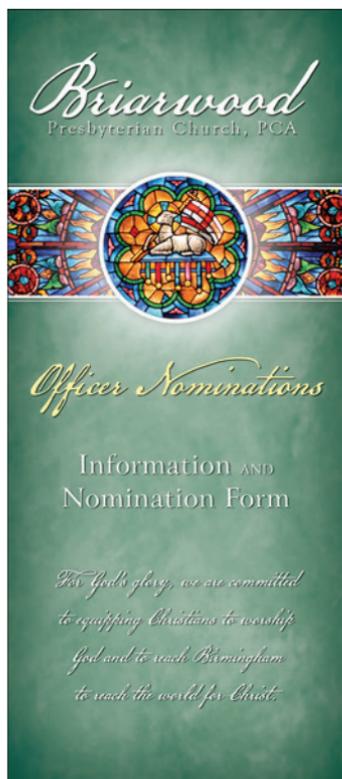
Our love and sympathy to Tommye Wright and family on the death of her husband, member Bob Wright, on May 8; to Jason Springfield and family on the death of his father, Bennie Springfield, on May 14; and to the family of member Barbara Wood, who died on May 18.

CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answer questions sent to askthepastor@briarwood.org Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

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 posted on the Briarwood website at briarwood.org/nominations and then submit qualified names using the online form at briarwood.org/nominations or by sending email to lreese@briarwood.org. We must have your nominations by May 31.

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 to see the program schedule.

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