

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 31, 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 150:6

[All:] Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “Spiritual Medley” (arr. Cason)

O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my Substitute, and His righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. May I never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the vast righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, and the exceeding wonder of grace. from *The Valley of Vision*

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

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 o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

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.
Amen!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...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

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

The Musical Offering of Worship

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" (Miller/Shea)

Ben Lashley, soloist

*I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands. I'd rather be led by His nail-scarred hands*

*[Chorus:] Than to be a king of a vast domain Than be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus more than anything That this world can afford me today.*

*I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus more than worldwide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy name (Chorus)*

More than this world can afford me today.

*The Confession of Truth

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, qq. 4-6

[Leader:] What is God?

[All:] God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

[Leader:] Are there more Gods than one?

[All:] There is but One only, the living and true God.

[Leader:] How many persons are there in the Godhead?

[All:] There are three Persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"How Deep the Father's Love" (Townend)

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He would give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.*

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THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow,
and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The Reading of God's Word

Genesis 17:1-8; Matthew 6:25-34

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

III. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

"I Believe..."

"God, the Father, Almighty"

Genesis 17:1-8; Matthew 6:25-34

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence
of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory,
majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25*

*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

"God of Our Fathers" (Roberts)

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 10:55 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, on the BriarwoodPCA App
and on Facebook, Roku and AppleTV

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Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the LORD! LORD, *You have been our dwelling place, in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.* Psalm 90:1,2

Please be in prayer for those that continue to work on the front lines to care for and protect each of us. Thank God for their moment by moment acts of courage.

Please pray for both Briarwood Church plants in Puerto Rico, Trinity Church (Pastor Ronnie Garcia) and LaTravesia (Pastor Yamil Alejandro). Pray for these pastors, their families, and church leaders as they preach the gospel and share in outreach to their communities.

"Continue steadfastly in prayer..." Colossians 4:2a

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: Lynn Smith, Herb Rader

We rejoice with Alex and Christie McKinney on the birth of their daughter, Malia, on May 20, and with grandparents John and Nancy Mansfield and great-grandmother, Jennie Stone.

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.

Community Outreach Opportunities

We are joining together with love for our neighbors to minister to those who are in need in Birmingham, our country and the world. Please read over the different opportunities to serve and give listed below and prayerfully consider how you can be a part of caring for those who have been most impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Blood Drive

Briarwood is working with *LifeSouth* who will have two buses available for those donating blood. Social distancing measures will be implemented and overseen. Please practice social distancing while giving blood. The much-needed blood that is provided by donors will go to help those in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

Date: Tuesday, June 2

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: Parking Lot A (First right after entering campus via the Acton Road Entrance)

Community Food Drive

Items donated will go to help feed those in need in the Birmingham Metro area.

Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Briarwood Presbyterian Church, 2200 Briarwood Way, Birmingham, AL 35243 – Trailer is located in Parking Lot A (Acton Road entrance and on your right)

Items to Donate: Canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned beans, rice, oatmeal, cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, pop-tarts, breakfast bars

Please be sure to practice social distancing while donating to the Community Food Drive. Submit questions to Chris Thompson at cthompson@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5227.

Briarwood Disaster Relief Fund

The Briarwood Presbyterian Church Disaster Relief Fund is open. All financial gifts designated for Disaster Relief will be distributed to local and national organizations to minister to those in need due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Checks sent to the church should be made to Briarwood and designated to “Disaster Relief Fund.”

For more opportunities, go to briarwood.org/covid19outreach

Honoring Briarwood's Servicemen and Women

If you have served in one of our branches of the military, please send a copy of a picture of yourself in uniform during the time you served to Dave Lewis (dlewis@briarwood.org) so that we may be able to honor you. Please include your service branch, rate or rank, and when you served.