PENTECOST

This week we find ourselves in the days between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. In Leviticus 23 the Lord identifies the appointed feasts that are to be holy convocations. After Passover we find the feast of weeks (7 weeks or 49 days) followed by the day of Pentecost (50th day since Passover).

In Acts 2 we are told, When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. The disciples were in what would have been a crowded Jerusalem to celebrate the day of Pentecost. Before Jesus ascended He told them to wait for the promise of the Father and declared, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. And now, on the Day of Pentecost, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. What an amazing event unfolds as the Lord spreads salvation through the utterance of the Gospel redeeming about three thousand souls.

We have been given this same Spirit when we heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your salvation and believed in Him and we have been called to be witnesses, ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. The most appropriate application to our celebration of Passover that I can think of is to share the Gospel this week with someone, imploring them on Christ’s behalf to be reconciled to God and trusting God to do His work through Saving Faith in their lives.

May God bless our proclamations of the Gospel!

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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 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:

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.”

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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 Tithe 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;
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*The Confession of Truth*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, q.q. 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 Pastoral Benediction*

*The Reading of God’s Word*

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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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