

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 – June 7, 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

For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 8:9

[All:] O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (arr. Karvonen)

Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Hymn 59

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below, But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Revelation 5:13b

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

"Creation Sings" (Leonard/Jordan)
Praise Team

In You we live, in You we move, in You we have our being.
In every nation, all the earth, this song of ours is rising.

[Chorus]:

Creation, all creation sings Your glory,
Sings Your glory, God.

In You we live, in You we move, in You we have our being.
In every nation, all the earth, this song of ours is rising. (Chorus)

Glory to the Father, Glory to the Son, Glory to the Spirit,
Who was and is to come. (Chorus)

*The Confession of Truth

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, qq. 9, 10

[Leader:] *What is the work of creation?*

[All:] **The work of creation is the making by God of all things from nothing, by His powerful Word, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

[Leader:] *How did God create man?*

[All:] **God created man, male and female, in His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with rule over the creatures.**

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Creation Sings the Father's Song" • *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* Hymn 88 vv.1, 4

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; Commands the newborn baby's cry.

[Refrain]

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face; The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally. (Refrain)

Creation longs for His return, When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky, All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King! (Refrain x2)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

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

Acts 17:16-34

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

IV. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

"I Believe..."

"Maker of Heaven and Earth"

Acts 17:16-34

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"To God Be the Glory" Hymn 66 v. 1

To God be the glory—great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

The Postlude

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Miller)

* 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

Watch all services anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv and on Facebook and Vimeo.

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the LORD! *If My people who are called by My Name, humble themselves and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land.* II Chronicles 7:14

Please be in prayer for people throughout His land to love one another, forgive one another and seek God with all their hearts.

Please pray for Fairfield and inner city Birmingham as it relates to the Coronavirus pandemic and the social unrest in our country. There are a lot of people hurting and confused. Pray that the Lord would use His church to bring gospel hope to those who need it.

“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.

Briarwood's Children's Ministry, Men of the Covenant and Women of the Covenant have put into place plans for their summer ministries. See the next panel for details on the activities and studies, or visit the ministries at briarwood.org for registration and more information.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Lisa Bice, Laura Comoglio, Herb Rader, John Salmon

Our love and sympathy to Emily Crawford and family on the death of her mother, Eda Mannarelli, on May 15; to Jose Montalvo, Jr. and family on the death of his father, Jose Montalvo, Sr., on May 26; to Everette Borg, Ben Borg, Allison Clough and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Florence Borg, on May 28; and to Steve Gathings and family on the death of his mother, Elizabeth 'Libby' Mull, on May 30.

Congratulations to the following children who have completely the Catechism Sunday School class: Hannah Brunson, Nicolaus Caterina, Rose Davis, Hannah Den Hartog, Hudson Hatchett, Ezra Huber, Jane Johnson, Brice Neugent, Eli Neugent, Olivia Olin, Caroline Pruet, Avie Thompson, and Robert Wells.

These children worked hard for nine months learning the catechism (even during the pandemic) and then recited it to the elders by Zoom! We are so proud of you!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER PLANS

It is a thrill to share with you our upcoming virtual summer plans for our Children's Ministry! This summer our theme will be Power of Promises "POP" from 2 Corinthians 12:9. We will be teaching the children that God is great, mighty, and trustworthy and that His promises are powerful.

We will kick off the summer with our Virtual Bible School on June 16, 17 & 18 and follow up with a weekly Wednesday virtual lesson tentatively set through July 22. Briarwood members who register their child online (and a friend, if desired) will receive a box of materials prior to VBS that will be dropped off on the member's doorstep. Each box will include object lessons, crafts, supplies, discussion questions (and even some fun, unexpected items) that the kids will use to interact with our weekly lesson.

To ensure your child will receive a VBS box of supplies **please register online by Thursday, June 11 at briarwood.org/children**. We will let you know the exact date of delivery through e-mail once we get closer to VBS. Occasionally, we may even surprise the kids with additional boxes that coordinate with each week's lesson. In addition, prior to VBS you will receive more information about how we are practicing safe social distancing and proper sanitizing in all that we do.

Help us prepare effectively by **registering your children as soon as possible and by June 11**. Only those children who are registered will be able to participate in the summer plans due to the nature and implementation of these plans. Once registered, children will be set to receive all boxes that will be delivered throughout the summer. Closer to time, you will receive a link to an introductory video that will explain in more detail how everything will work.

We are looking forward to seeing your children's faith "POP" this summer as they learn to stand on the powerful promises of God. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at jevans@briarwood.org.

Partnering with you,

John M. Evans, Briarwood Children's Pastor

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDIES

Men of the Covenant Summer Studies • Please join us this summer as we meet by way of Zoom meetings on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays, we'll study "Christianity 101" with various teachers; Fridays, we'll look at Martyn Lloyd-Jones' book, "*Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cures*" with Benny Parks. Go to briarwood.org/men now to register.

Women of the Covenant Summer Philippiian Study • Ladies, we're excited about our summer study in the Book of Philippians, June 9 through July 14! The video studies will be led by various teachers and made available online each Tuesday at briarwood.org/philippians. You'll also find a Scripture Writing Plan for Philippians on the same webpage.

Help us honor Briarwood's Servicemen and Women. If you have served in one of the 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). Please include your service branch, rate or rank, and when you served.