

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 14, 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

'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 145:10

[All:] All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Voluntary on the 100th Psalm Tune" (Purcell)

*Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts
vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my
infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy,
my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the
sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You
for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You. adapted from The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"In Christ Alone" (Townend/Getty)

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

***The Confession of Truth**

The Westminster Confession, ch. 8:1

[All:] In His eternal purpose it pleased God to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and man. Jesus is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and savior of His church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world. From all eternity God gave Him a people to be His seed and to be in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified by Him.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b

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

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

*"Hymn Medley on the Name of Jesus"
Daniel Cason, soloist*

***The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

"Jesus, Messiah" • "Jesus Loves Me"

He became sin, Who knew no sin; That we might become His Righteousness.
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

[Chorus:]

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from Heaven; Jesus, Messiah—Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing.
(Chorus)

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world. (Chorus)

Jesus, Messiah—Lord of all. You're the Lord of all, The Lord of all.

Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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 New Testament Reading

John 3:16

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

V. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective
"I Believe..."

"I Believe in Jesus Christ His Only Son, Our Lord"
John 3:16

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

"In Christ Alone" (Kosh/Craig)

In Christ alone I place my trust,
And find my glory in the power of the cross.
In every victory let it be said of me
My source of strength, my source of hope, is Christ alone.

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The Postlude

"The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte)

* 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! *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.* Psalm 19:1-3

Please be in prayer for all men and women of God to let His Word go out through all the earth, for God is truth and His loves endures forever.

Please pray for the Chinese students and employees at UAB. Many of them have never heard the Gospel. As some of them are reading the Bible one-on-one with Briarwood members for the first time, pray that God would open their eyes and give them faith. The flag of the City of Birmingham is displayed in today's worship service.

"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 Men of the Covenant and Women of the Covenant offer online studies that have just begun this past week. The ladies are studying the Book of Philippians with various teachers; the men are looking at "Christianity 101" also with various teachers, and Martyn Lloyd-Jones book, *Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cures* with Benny Parks. For details, see briarwood.org/women and briarwood.org/men and join us in spiritual growth this summer!

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Barbara Pierce, Brian O'Brien, Laura Comoglio

Our love and sympathy to Emily Crawford and family on the death of her husband, member Wayne Crawford, on June 9; to Mary Phillips and family on the death of her mother, Eleanor Jones Gamble, on June 8; and to Josh Misner and family on the death of his mother, Sharon Misner, on May 29.

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.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MISSION FOOD DRIVE



Thank you so much for your faithfulness and generosity to participate in our Food Drive during this Coronavirus Crisis. The response from our church family reflects a genuine desire to love others in both word and deed. Through your thoughtful gifts of food we have been able to donate over 10,000 pounds of food which has been distributed through the Christian Service Mission to address the many needs in our surrounding communities. We have received numerous testimonies of how your efforts are bringing relief and providing unique opportunities for ministry during this time. As this crisis continues, there are still ongoing needs to be met both physically and spiritually. Therefore, we are continuing our Food Drive and encourage you to bring non-perishable foods to our trailer parked in Parking Lot A, located at the Acton Road entrance to the church. This trailer has our "Community Food Drive" sign on it and you may simply place non-perishable items on Sunday 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please practice social distancing when donating food items. If you have any questions, contact Chris Thompson at cthompson@briarwood.org. Let us not grow weary of doing good, and by God's Grace may we see Him reap a harvest for His Glory!

Global Missions

Are you interested in learning about serving on the Global Ministry Team? You are invited to join us for a Zoom meeting training on Monday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. Please email hmcdougall@briarwood.org with any questions and for registration to receive the Zoom meeting link.

CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answer questions submitted to askthepastor@briarwood.org Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

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