

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 21, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 96:9

[All:] Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him,
all the earth!

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (arr. Smith/Hustad)

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn 145

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

[Refrain:]

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

*The Confession of Truth

The Westminster Confession, qq. 21–23

[Leader.] *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

[All:] The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became a man.

[Leader:] *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become a man?*

[All:] Christ, the Son of God, became a man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her yet without sin.

[Leader:] *What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

[All:] Christ as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

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

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

"The Son of God Came Down" (Plank)

*The Son of God came down and laid aside His crown,
Born without great renown, this Sovereign One.
All holiness and might, all glory shining bright
Have come to earth this night in Mary's son.
O come, let us adore.*

[Chorus:]

O Christ the Lord, our hope and Savior, Son of God yet made like us.

O Christ the Lord, our King adored, Born a child, our Lord Jesus.

*Messiah born so small, asleep in cattle stall, Come to redeem our fall, nailed to a tree.
This tiny, helpless child, through death would reconcile The holy God and vile, His grace so free.
O come, let us adore. (Chorus x 2)
Born a Child, our Lord Jesus.*

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Jesus, Only Jesus" • "Silent Night, Holy Night" Hymn 147 v. 1, 3

*Who has the power to raise the dead? Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness: Jesus, only Jesus.*

*Who can make the blind to see? Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace: Jesus, only Jesus.*

[Chorus:]

*Holy King, almighty Lord. Saints and angels all adore;
I join with them and bow before Jesus, only Jesus.*

*Who can command the highest praise? Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed: Jesus, only Jesus. (Chorus)*

You will command the highest praise. Yours is the name above all names.

You stand alone, I stand amazed: Jesus, only Jesus.

Jesus, only Jesus. (Chorus)

Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

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

"Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary"

Philippians 2:5-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"Immanuel" (Card)

[Solo:]

*A sign shall be given, a virgin will conceive.
A human baby bearing undiminished Deity.
The glory of the nations, a light for all to see;
That hope for all who will embrace His warm reality.*

[All:]

Immanuel, our God is with us,
And if God is with us who could stand against us?
Our God is with us, Immanuel.

The Postlude

"Majesty" (Hayford)

* 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

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the LORD! *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.* Psalm 121:1, 2

Please be in prayer and praise God, our Father for all He has done for us. Pray we will find new ways to honor Him this year. Pray for our earthly fathers and thank God for each of them. Pray for their protection, direction, wisdom and courage.

Pray for Briarwood supported church planters—Andrew Holbrook (CT), Porter Harlow (VA), Dan Naulty (MI), Jeff Schneider (IL), Eric Zellner (AL), Ben Nelson (AL), Jonathan Bromhead (NJ), Matt Morginski (CO), and Matt Owens (MA)—as they make many new alterations to their ministry plans. Pray that their attendance will stay strong, that many new people will be drawn to their Facebook worship services, and for wisdom and creativity regarding summer ministry plans.

“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.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and generosity to participate in our Food Drive during this Coronavirus Crisis. 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. As this crisis continues, we are continuing our Food Drive and encourage you to bring non-perishable foods to our “Community Food Drive” trailer parked in Parking Lot A, located at the Acton Road entrance to the church. 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.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Charles Jager, Anne Stowe

We rejoice with Baylee Wichlan on the birth of her son, Tolkien James “TJ” Wichlan, on June 16, and with Michael and Denise Wichlan on the birth of their grandson.

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Betty Taylor, on her death, June 15; to Esther Brown and family on the death of her sister, Beverly Stringer, on June 15.



I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. I Corinthians 3:6-7

To God be the Glory! This week our Children's Ministries kicked off our Summer ministry by posting POP! (Power of Promises) on our website and delivering over 350 boxes to facilitate our Virtual Bible School in homes all across our community. POP! focused the children on God's

promises and His faithfulness to keep those promises. Of course, the greatest of these lies in His promise of salvation by grace through faith. So this week the seeds of the Gospel were planted and watered both virtually and through moms, dads, grandparents, neighbors and others at homes. We were not able to gather together but we can certainly unite now in prayer asking our God to give the growth and use this Virtual Bible School to draw lost boys and girls unto Himself and to grow spiritually those who are already His children. Also, if your child or someone you know was not able to participate this week in our POP VBS? Great news! We will be leaving our VBS content online for the entire summer. If you would like to put your own box together and have VBS at a different time, we have posted a supply list on our website for you. And our POP Summer Children's ministry continues each week with new boxes and exciting opportunities for your child to grow in Christ. Please see our website for all the information at briarwood.org/children.



All ladies are invited to join us as we study online this summer the Book of Philippians with various teachers. A new lesson is posted every Tuesday and past lessons are available, if you'd like to catch up. For details and other study aids, go to briarwood.org/philippians.

Men have two online studies to choose, "Christianity 101" taught by various teachers, offered on Wednesdays, and a study of Martyn Lloyd-Jones' "*Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cure*" with Benny Parks Friday mornings. To see details on both these studies, participate in the live Zoom meetings, or catch up with previous lessons online, go to briarwood.org/men.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class

If you are interested in learning more about Briarwood or would like to join our church family, please contact our church office at 205.776.5200 so we can tell you about our condensed Pastor's Inquirers Class, coming **June 26, 27 and 28**.