

# *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

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – June 28, 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

*I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18*

### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 22:27

**[All:] All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”* (arr. Held)

*O gracious God, my heart is drawn out in thankfulness to You, for Your amazing grace and condescension to me in influences and assistances of Your Spirit, for special help in prayer, for the sweetness of Christian service, for the thoughts of arriving in heaven, for always sending me needful supplies, for raising me to new life when I am like one dead. Give me special grace to fit me for special services, and keep me calm and resigned at all times, humble and solemn and conformed to Your will.* adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*“Our Great Savior”* Hymn 89 vv.1-4

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins. (Refrain)

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul. (Refrain)

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry. (Refrain)

### \*The Confession of Truth

The Trinitarian Apostles' Creed

[Leader:] *Christian, what do you believe concerning God the Father?*

**[All:] I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

[Leader:] *Christian, what do you believe concerning Christ the Son?*

[All:] I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

[Leader:] *Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?*

[All:] I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. \* universal

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

### 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

*"There Is a King" (Lake/Furtick/Hammer)  
Chris Travers and Elizabeth Jordan, soloists*

*There is a king seated among us. Let every heart receive Him now.  
Where there is praise, He will inhabit, And there will be grace and mercy all around.*

[Chorus:]

*Every burden will be lifted in His presence. Every trophy will be laid down at His feet.  
There is a Name that reigns above all others, Jesus Christ, the King above all kings.*

*Unto the Lamb, honor and glory. Worthy is He who overcame.  
Buried in shame, risen in power. He is alive, and the stone is rolled away.*

*All our worship will belong to Him forever. Death is conquered and our Savior holds the keys.  
There is a Name that reigns above all others, Jesus Christ, the King above all kings.*

*It won't be long, we will behold Him, And every tear He'll wipe away.  
We'll be at home, the war will be over. Soon we will meet our Savior face to face. (Chorus)*

*And all our worship, will belong to You forever, Holy, holy, for all eternity.  
Yours is the Name that reigns above all others, Jesus Christ, the King above all kings;  
Jesus Christ, the King above all kings.*

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

*"Man of Sorrows" • "Jesus Paid It All" Hymn 210*

*Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, By His own betrayed.  
The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid.  
Silent as He stood accused, Beaten, mocked and scorned.  
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.*

[Chorus:]

Oh, that rugged cross, My salvation, Where Your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah, Praise and honor unto Thee.

Sent of heaven, God's own Son To purchase and redeem.  
And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree. (Chorus)

Now my debt is paid, It is paid in full By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.

Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. (Chorus)

See the stone is rolled away, Behold the empty tomb.  
Hallelujah, God be praised, He's risen from the grave. (Chorus)  
Praise and honor unto Thee.

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I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

[Refrain:]

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain — He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone. (Refrain)

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim —  
I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (Refrain)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. (Refrain)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*The New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

VII. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

"I Believe..."

"Suffered Under Pontius Pilate"

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

"Our Great Savior" Hymn 89 v. 5

Jesus! I do now receive You, More than all in You I find,  
You have granted me forgiveness, I am Yours, and You are mine.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, You are with me to the end.

The Postlude

"Allegro" (Handel)

\* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the LORD! *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."* Psalm 91:1,2

Please be in prayer for everyone that is struggling with issues pertaining to the virus. Pray for the recovery of those with the virus, and for jobs for those out of work to help supplement their income. Pray for the protection of everyone during this time.

Pray for India, where the combination of COVID-19 and poverty have been exacerbated by a recent cyclone and flooding which caused destruction and displacement of hundreds of people from their homes. Pray for John and Kelley Beth who are planting a Presbyterian Church in Bangalore, and also for the Agape Church Planting Network of 30 indigenous churches in Karnataka, India. (*The flag of India is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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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. Both morning worship services are available on WLJR-FM, 88.5, and you can watch live services at [briarwood.org/livetelecast](http://briarwood.org/livetelecast), on the Briarwood App, Facebook, Roku, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen online at [briarwood.org/archivetelecast](http://briarwood.org/archivetelecast), on the Briarwood App, Facebook and Vimeo.

Our Christianity in America Service of Celebration and Consecration will be a very special event this year! As a special gift to our veterans and to honor the Lord and thank Him for their service, we have produced a professional one-hour video that will be broadcast on all of our streaming formats Sunday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. This video includes special guest soloists, commissioned choral and orchestral works, and the Briarwood Choir in virtual performance. Additionally, there will be interviews from some of our veterans giving testimony as to what Jesus Christ did in and through their service. Pastor Reeder will give a Gospel message of hope and encouragement in these troubled times. See the next panel for ways to watch this exciting service.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Sally Beth Dougherty, Bill Marlar, Lori Gush, Bonnie Richards, Brian O'Brien, Tommy Turpin, Lisa Bice

We rejoice with Christian and Nathan Terrell on the birth of their son, Andrew Ford Terrell, on June 22.

Our love and sympathy to the family of member, Fred Barnett, on his death on June 20; to Meredith Anderson and family on the death of her sister, Molly McCormick, on June 19; to the family of Dr. Larry Dozier on his death on June 17; to Jay Mathews and his family on the death of his father, Gary Mathews, on June 16.



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This week's Opportunities for Ministry and Growth describes our upcoming *Christianity in America Service of Celebration and Consecration*, airing online Sunday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. in lieu of *Conversations with Harry and Bruce*. You can watch this special presentation live on the website at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), and on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV or the Briarwood App. Access it just as you would the regular worship services or the *Conversations* program. If you miss the live event, you can always watch it after the fact at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv) or on Vimeo, Facebook, or the Briarwood App. You won't want to miss this special presentation or the pastor's message during these trying times, and you're invited to share it with your friends and family.



Today  
In Perspective

If you're not listening to Pastor Reeder's 10-minute, Monday-Friday podcast/radio program, you are missing out! Recent topics on which he has commented include the landmark LGBTQ SCOTUS decision, the recent PCA Study Committee report on human sexuality, and the current apathy and low moral in our police departments. The program is available on WLJR-FM, 88.5 at 5:48 a.m. and 1:00, 5:15 and 9:00 p.m. You can hear it anytime on the Briarwood App, online at [briarwood.org/todayinperspective](http://briarwood.org/todayinperspective), or on iTunes. See today's issues through the lens of Scripture with Pastor Reeder!

**Briarwood Employment Opportunities**

Several positions, both full and part-time have recently become available at Briarwood. You are invited to see them now at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).