

# *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 – July 12, 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

*Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are of Israel's fountain! Psalm 68:26*

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

Psalm 138:2

[All:] I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name  
for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted  
above all things Your name and Your Word.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"God of Grace and God of Glory" (Hughes)*

O Lord, Whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks  
Your love, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and  
word and deed. I have not loved You with all my heart and soul, mind and strength. Grant  
to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done, and for the good I have left undone. But You,  
O Lord, are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy; there is  
forgiveness with You. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation Speak to me the words that I  
need, and let Your word abide with me until it has wrought in me Your holy will. Amen.

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"You Are My King (Amazing Love)" (Foote/Tomlin)*

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me, Because You died and rose again.  
(Repeat)

[Chorus:]

Amazing love, how can it be That You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.

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(Chorus)

Amazing love, how can it be That You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.

In all I do, I honor You; In all I do, I honor You; In all I do, I honor You.

**\*The Confession of Truth**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, qq. 27, 28

[Leader:] *Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?*

[All:] **Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition; made under the law; undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried; and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

[Leader:] *Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?*

[All:] **Christ's exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day; in ascending up into heaven; in sitting at the right hand of God the Father; and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

**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**

*Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5*

**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** "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" (Getty/Kauflin)

*What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.*

*What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.*

*Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?*

*And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.*

[Refrain:]

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!*

*Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

*What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.*

*Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.*

*Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?*

*Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Refrain)*

*Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"*

*And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.*

*There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,*

*And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. (Refrain x2)*

*Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

**\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs** "Glorious Day!" (Hall/Bleecker)

*One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,*

*One day when sin was as black as could be,*

*Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men, my example is He!*

*Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.*

[Chorus:]

Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me;  
Buried, He carried my sins far away; Rising, He justified freely forever:  
One day He's coming—Oh glorious day, oh glorious day!

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree;  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected: Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree,  
And took the nails for me. (Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,  
One day the stone rolled away from the door;  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered;  
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again. (Chorus)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,  
One day the skies with His glories will shine;  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing: My Savior, Jesus is mine! (Chorus)

Amazing love! How can it be? That Thou, my God, should die for me!

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*The New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

VIII. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

*"I Believe..."*

"Crucified, Dead and Buried"

Philippians 2:5-11

## 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

*"Ye Servants of God"* (Gardiner)

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

## Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the LORD! *I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.* Psalm 18:1,2

Please be in prayer for all of God's children to resist the enemy, for then he must flee. Pray for strength in the Lord to be within each of us. Pray for America.

Praise the Lord for the faithful work of our campus ministry partners—Campus Outreach, RUF, Cru, FCA, Navigators, Coalition for Christian Outreach, and Worldwide Discipleship. Although they have concluded the year in a very different way, many of them have shared encouraging stories of deeper conversations with students and new commitments to Christ. Pray that they can continue to have contact with these students to disciple them throughout the summer and can re-engage with them in the Fall. (*The flag of the State of Alabama is displayed in today's worship service.*)

“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Briarwood continues to provide streaming online of our Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. Both morning worship services are available on WLJR-FM 88.5, and you can watch live services at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen online at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook and Vimeo.

Submit your questions for *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* by email to [askthepastor@briarwood.org](mailto:askthepastor@briarwood.org). Then watch Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. when the program is presented online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App. See program archives anytime online at [briarwood.org/conversations](http://briarwood.org/conversations), the Briarwood PCA App, on Facebook, Vimeo, Roku and AppleTV.

Several Briarwood ministries currently have job opportunities, both full and part-time, available. See the listing with details on the positions as well as how to apply at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Barbara Kent, Brian O'Brien, Anne Stowe, Jim Clark, Betsy Bancroft, Marie Cole, Peggy McCleskey, Jessica Robinson

Our love and sympathy to Kevin, Jared, Joel and Daniel Gush and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Leonard Gush, on June 30; to Shana Moton and family on the death of her father, Greg Burke, July 1; to Marjorie Chan and family on the death of her brother, Mr. Mou, on July 5; and to Holly, Anna and Andrew Wallace on the death of their mother and grandmother, Charlotte Grimmer, on July 5.

Greetings!

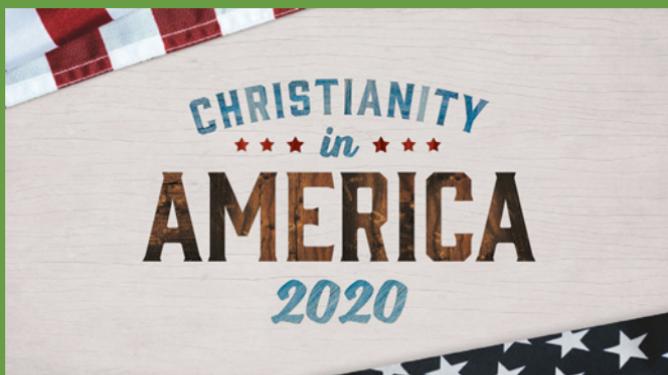
I pray this finds you safe and well. As we enter our ninth year of the fellows community, we realize how essential our host families are to the ministry because God uses them in powerful ways each year in the lives our fellows and the fellows in the lives of our host families. What we've also realized is that hosting a fellow in your home is a calling. Like any other calling from the Lord, it involves both an outward and inward calling. What we see year after year is that God gives many an inward calling by prompting amazing families at Briarwood to explore the opportunity to host. At the same time, He provides an outward calling by arranging the circumstance of people's lives so that the timing is right to invite a fellow into their home and lives.

We realize that during this unprecedented season in our history, there are some added dynamics in having an extra person in your home. That's why the fellows ministry under the guidance of our church is developing specific guidelines and protocols as it relates to the current pandemic, such as...

- Fellows will follow the same protocols at off campus events as the one's adopted by Briarwood while on campus, such as regular wellness checks, temperature recording and strict social distancing at ministry gatherings.
- We will have predetermined response protocols that will guide us in our action steps if a fellow or someone in the host family requires self-quarantine.
- In addition, we are also considering coronavirus testing prior to arrival and during the fellow's year.

We are excited about another fellow's year and the host families that have already committed. We have only four of twelve spots left, so we'd ask that you'd pray and consider if this is the year that the Lord is calling you and your family to host a fellow. If you have questions or just want explore hosting a fellow without making any commitments, please give me a call at 205.527. 2411 or email [seth@briarwoodfellows.org](mailto:seth@briarwoodfellows.org).

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If you missed the Sunday night, July 5 video broadcast of our *Service of Celebration, Confession and Consecration*, you can watch it now online at [briarwood.org/cia](http://briarwood.org/cia), on the BriarwoodPCA App, on Facebook, Vimeo, Roku or AppleTV. Don't miss this professionally-produced, one-hour program featuring the Briarwood Choir, testimonies by our church's veterans, and a timely message from Pastor Reeder.