

# *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 – August 2, 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 tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation  
I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12*

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

Psalm 103:8

[All:] The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession**

*"Give Me Jesus" (Spiritual)*

*O Great I am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You.*  
adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

**The Invocation**

**The Gospel Word of Salvation**

**\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

**\*The Hymn of Ascents**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hymn 92*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that promised rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise!

**\*The Confession of Truth**

I John 4:9-10

[Leader:] *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.*

[All:] **In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

[Leader:] *The Word of the Lord.*

[All:] **Thanks be to God!**

**THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;  
incline Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6*

**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**

*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 Love of God" (Lehman)*

Chris Travers, soloist

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell,  
It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win:  
His erring child He reconciled And pardoned from his sin.*

[Refrain:]

*O Love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—The saints' and angels' song.*

*When years of time shall pass away And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men, who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure shall still endure, All measureless and strong:  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—The saints' and angels' song. [Refrain]*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill And ev'ry man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole Though stretched from sky to sky. [Refrain]*

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

*"You are My All in All" • "(At the Cross) Love Ran Red"*

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.

[Chorus:]

Jesus—Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. (Repeat)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again, I bless Your name.  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my all in all. (Chorus x2)

[Solo:]

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.  
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide,  
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

[Chorus:]

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.  
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You!  
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white;  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus!

[All:]

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.  
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood;  
Comes flowing down. (Chorus)

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.  
Here I bow down, Here I bow down.  
Here arms open wide, here You save my life.  
Here I bow down, here I bow. (Chorus)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*The New Testament Reading

John 3:16; Jude 17-23; Luke 7:36-50

The Exposition of God's Word

"The Love of God"

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14*

\*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

"Who is on the Lord's Side?" (Havergal)

\* 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](http://briarwood.org/livetv). Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv).

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# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the LORD! *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5, 6

Please be in prayer for families throughout the United States that will be making decisions for their children and their education. Pray for wisdom and direction from our Lord.

Praise the Lord for Fanning the Flame coaches, Richard Verreyne, Joe Weatherly, and Bobby Wilson. Please pray for these men as they serve and coach churches this month via video conferencing. Pray for the Lord's guidance and wisdom as they help churches implement ten biblical strategies for church revitalization.

*"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/livetyv](http://briarwood.org/livetyv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen online at [briarwood.org/archivetyv](http://briarwood.org/archivetyv), 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/livetyv](http://briarwood.org/livetyv), 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: Anne Stowe, Elsie Betsch, Ed Travis, Carole Crabb, TN Norden.

We rejoice with Bill and Mallory Nabors on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Reese, on July 24; with Rob and Becca Shaw on the birth of their daughter, Teal Rea Shaw, on July 22. with grandparents Bob and Cindy Shaw.

Our love and sympathy to Donna Chappel and family on the death of her father, Ben Brinkley on July 17; to Anne Brasher and family on the death of her brother, Edwin A. Carlisle, on July 19; to Kim Vandergriff and family on the death of her stepmother, Charlotte Vandergriff on July 23; to Patti Smith and family on the death of her husband, member Mike Smith, on July 24.

# 5 WAYS TO GIVE

Just a reminder there are five ways you can worship the Lord through giving at Briarwood. You can give in person at the Sunday morning worship services, you can give by mail to the Accounting Office, or you can give electronically by bank draft or credit/debit card. Click the “5 Ways to Give” link on the [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org) homepage to see details or to give electronically.

Thank you for your continued support of our Community Food Drive. The need remains as this pandemic continues, so please place your non-perishables in the trailer at Parking Lot A Sundays from 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. For questions, contact Chris Thompson at [cthompson@briarwood.org](mailto:cthompson@briarwood.org).



## 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 which he and host Tom Lamprecht have addressed include:

“Planned Parenthood Finally Acknowledges Their Racist Mission and Origin”

“The Anarchists Now Take Aim at the Church”

“Possible Solutions for Government to Address the Mayhem of Anarchy”

“Americans Self-Censoring Themselves, Afraid to Express Political Beliefs”

The program is available on WLJR-FM, 88.5 Monday–Friday at 5:48 a.m. and 1:00, 5:15 and 9:00 p.m. You can also hear it anytime on the BriarwoodPCA App, online at [briarwood.org/todayinperspective](http://briarwood.org/todayinperspective), or on iTunes. You're invited to see today's issues through the lens of Scripture with Pastor Reeder!