

# *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 9, 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

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

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

Psalm 16:10-11

**[All:] For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*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

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Hymn 217

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply:  
Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
Alleluia!

### \*The Confession of Truth

The Apostles' Creed

*[Leader:] Christians, what do you believe?*

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

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings  
be made for all people... 1 Timothy 2:1*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:1*

### 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

*"King of Kings" (Ligertwood/Ingram)*

Praise Team

*In the darkness, we were waiting Without hope, without light,  
'Til from Heaven You came running; There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt.*

*[Refrain:]*

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!*

*To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (Refrain)*

*And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath,  
'Til that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored.*

*And the church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free;  
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me, ohh--(Refrain)*

*Praise forever to the King of Kings!*

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

*"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed" • "Because He Lives" Hymn 213 (refrain)*

*How can it be, the One who died Has born our sin through sacrifice,  
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah!  
For joy awakes as dawning light, When Christ's disciples lift their eyes,  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King! Christ, Christ He is risen.*

[Chorus:]

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed, "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed."

Where doubt and darkness once had been, They saw Him and their hearts believed,

That blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, They preach the truth and pow'r of grace.

In pouring out their lives they gave life, life everlasting. (Chorus)

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to pow'rfully save.

He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go, tell of His goodness! (Chorus x2)

He is risen! He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are open wide!

He's alive, He's alive, Now in Heaven, glorified. (Repeat x4)

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Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

## 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**

I Corinthians 15:1-9

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

X. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

"I Believe..."

"The Third Day He Arose"

I Corinthians 15:1-9

## 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**

"The Day of Resurrection" Hymn 226 v.1

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

**\*The Postlude**

\* 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 all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! Psalm 117*

Please be in prayer for all people to come to awareness of the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Pray they will receive Him as Lord and Savior, for now is the time!

Pray for all of our Briarwood supported college campus ministries including: CO, CRU, Navigators, and Ministry to Int'l students on U.S. campuses. Many campuses are online only this fall due to COVID. Pray for creativity, flexibility for staff as they try to do ministry in light of these changing dynamics. Pray for evangelism, discipleship, and strong connections with the local churches. (*The flag of the United States is displayed in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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All Briarwood 7th–12th graders are invited to a live worship event, August 12 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. There'll be excellent music, teaching, fun and fellowship in a safe setting! Go to [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth) for details and attendance requirements.

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/livetelecast](http://briarwood.org/livetelecast), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen online at [briarwood.org/archivetelecast](http://briarwood.org/archivetelecast), 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/livetelecast](http://briarwood.org/livetelecast), 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.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Ed Travis, Carl Jernigan, Hadden Smith III

Our love and sympathy to Jim Phillips and family on the death of his father, Ed Phillips, on July 30; to Rhonda Cromwell and family on the death of her father, Robert 'Bob' Adams, on July 30; to Marni Ulch and family on the death of her father, Dave Smith, on July 31; to Becky Denton and family on the death of her brother, Peter 'David' Summer III, on August 1.



Many who have missed studying, growing, and learning together in-person, in a live classroom environment will be excited to hear BTS is ready to offer the opportunity to learn together—in person (as well as remotely for those who would prefer)—beginning this fall! For the safety and protection of our students, faculty and community, all our classes this fall will follow the latest guidelines for social distancing and public health. The schedule and registration information are

on our website: [bts.education](http://bts.education). We're offering classes on the Westminster Confession of Faith, New Testament Covenant Theology, Apologetics, Systematic Theology, Counseling in the Local Church (by video conference), and more! And we offer more than just Master's degrees, so explore our website for details on "Four-Course Certificates" in Leadership, Teaching, Worship Ministry, and Evangelism! Welcome back to BTS!

Pastor Reeder has recently posted two new entries to his *In Perspective* blog. The first is titled, "The Untimely Church" in which he explores the propensity of the contemporary church to believe it must be in step with the times in order to be effective. Don't miss this fascinating read on what timeliness should be for the Christian and the Church. His



second entry is "Discourse with the Foolish," where Dr. Reeder examines Proverbs 26:4-5 and takes a seeming contradiction in the text that a non-believer might attempt to use against a Christian to actually be turned to witness to them. You'll want to add the ideas the pastor expounds here to your witnessing toolbox! To read both of these, as well as his earlier posts,, go to [briarwood.org/pastorsblog](http://briarwood.org/pastorsblog).



To date we have heard nine messages in Pastor Reeder's series *The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective*. With the ninth message, "He Descended Into Hell" receiving much comment and attention because of the impact this particular inclusion in the Creed has for us all. If you haven't yet heard this message, or have

missed or would like to review some of the earlier ones, you can hear the entire series so far by going to [briarwood.org/apostlescreed](http://briarwood.org/apostlescreed). If you would rather watch the sermons, they are available on the Briarwood YouTube channel. Consider blessing family members and friends with the powerful truths contained in this fundamental creed that so many know but don't fully understand by sharing these messages with them.