

# *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 30, 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

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44*

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

Psalm 11:7

[All:] For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold His face.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Irish Hymn Tune)*

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."*

from Psalm 51

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"For All the Saints" Hymn 546 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light: Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way: Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*The Confession of Truth**

*Westminster Larger Catechism, q. 56*

[Leader:] *How is Christ to be exalted in His coming again to judge the world?*

[All:] **Christ is to be exalted in His coming again to judge the world, in that He, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of His own glory and of His Father's, with all His holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.**

**THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

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

**The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Revelation 5:13b*

**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**

*"We Shall Behold Him" (Rambo)  
Daniel Cason, soloist*

[Solo:]

*The sky shall unfold, Preparing His entrance;  
The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise.  
The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those awaiting;  
And we shall behold Him then face to face.*

[All:]

We shall behold Him, we shall behold Him  
Face to face in all of His glory.  
We shall behold Him, we shall behold Him  
Face to face, our Savior and Lord.

[Solo:]

*The angel shall sound the shout of His coming;  
And the sleeping shall rise from there slumbering place.  
And those who remain shall be changed in a moment;  
And we shall behold Him then face to face.*

[All:]

We shall behold Him, we shall behold Him  
Face to face in all of His glory.  
We shall behold Him, face to face Our Savior and Lord;  
We shall behold Him, our Savior and Lord, Savior and Lord!

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

*"Come, Lord Jesus (Even So, Come)" (Tomlin)*

All of creation, all of the earth  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon.  
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame; Jesus is coming soon.

[Chorus:] Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
we'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:  
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come."

There will be justice, all will be new.  
Your name forever, faithful and true; Jesus is coming soon. (Chorus)

So we wait, we wait for You.  
God, we wait; You're coming soon. (Repeat) (Chorus)  
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come."

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*The New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 9:11-28

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

XIII. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

*"I Believe..."*

"From There He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead"

I Timothy 3:14-16, Hebrews 9:11-28, Revelation 20:11-15

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

*"Rejoice All Ye Believers"* (Trinity Hymnal)

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, Thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see  
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

**The Postlude**

*"We Are God's People"* (Leech)

\* 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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

*"Conversations with Harry and Bruce"*

available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), on the BriarwoodPCA App  
and on Facebook, Roku and AppleTV

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.* Matt 5:17

Please be in prayer for wisdom and protection as we slowly open the church to more activities. May we always seek You, Lord, in all we do.

Pray for international outreach this fall, especially through our ESL and Friendship Partners Program. Pray for creativity and wisdom in meeting language needs through online classes and welcoming internationals here in Birmingham well with the love of Christ. Also pray that God would be exalted among the nations. (*The flag of China is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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The 2020 Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life will be next Sun., Sept. 6. Dr. Peter Lillback, President of Westminster Theological Seminary will preach in the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, and Dr. John Currie, Dean of Pastoral Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary will preach in the 9:30 a.m. service. Both guests will join Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings on Sunday night's *Conversations with Harry & Bruce* program at 6:00. Hear all messages from the Conference online at [briarwood.org/sermons](http://briarwood.org/sermons) and watch at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv) and [briarwood.org/conversations](http://briarwood.org/conversations).

Praise The Lord for His blessings on the reopening of our Nursery and addition of our 8:00 a.m. Children's Worship this past Sunday. We are grateful for the thoughtful response of our parents and the ministry of our staff and volunteers. Please remember to make your nursery reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) 24 hours before your assigned Sunday service and pay careful attention to social distancing when picking up your children from Children's Worship.

Beginning this fall, BTS is ready to offer the opportunity to learn together—in person, as well as remotely for those who would prefer. Classes will be offered on the Westminster Confession of Faith, New Testament Covenant Theology, Apologetics, Systematic Theology, Counseling in the Local Church (by video conference), and more! To see the details and to look into enrollment, go to [bts.education](http://bts.education).

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Barbara Grill, Hadden Smith, Ed Travis, Neva Walker, Fred Yancey

Our love and sympathy to Michala Alexander and family on the death of her sister, Marilane Carter, in Aug.; to Brett Butler, Betty Hull and family on the death of their grandmother and former mother-in-law, Helen Butler; and to LaVerne Lamb and family on the death of her sister, Barbara Harrigan, on Aug. 21.

# Announcements

**We are resuming Infant Baptisms** in the three morning services beginning mid-September. Contact Marie Gathings for available dates at 205-776-5204 or [mgathings@briarwood.org](mailto:mgathings@briarwood.org). Also if you are interested in a “New Believer” baptism, contact Wendy Long in the Membership Office at 205-776-5208.

**Forgiven and Set Free**—Free, confidential, and caring small group Bible study for post-abortive women will begin in early Sept. with social distancing practiced. Contact Heather Payne at 205-578-2022.

**Financial Peace University**—Planning for the future is hard when you’re still paying for the past. There’s a better way! Join the Financial Peace University class, and learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future...together! The Zoom class begins September 8. Contact [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

**Community Food Drive**—The Briarwood Community Food Drive continues, and the Mercy Ministry and Christian Service Mission is most grateful for your support since last spring. The need still exists, so please continue to bring non-perishable foods to the marked trailer now located in Parking Lot B during these hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., and Sundays 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Friendship Partners** is a wonderful way to welcome the international students and scholars in Birmingham! Please consider becoming a friend to our Internationals this Fall! Orientation will be in September. For more information, email Caroline Brown at [cbrown@briarwood.org](mailto:cbrown@briarwood.org).

**Nursery has reopened** for classes assigned to the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services by reservation only, at least 24 hours before your assigned service. Visit our website at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) for all necessary information on registration, our Nursery Protocols, and Sunday morning arrival.

**Children’s Worship**—We have added a third Children’s Worship for the 8:00 a.m. service. Please visit our website at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children) for more information. And please continue to help us on Sunday mornings during drop-off and pick-up, being extra diligent to practice social distancing in the children’s area.

**Raiders/BYG Wednesday Nights** will meet each week from 6:30–8:00 p.m. In order for students to participate, parents/guardians of all 7th–12th graders must sign fall waiver at [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth).

**Raiders/BYG D-groups**—Our small group Bible studies for 7th–12th graders begin Sun., Sept. 13. All students must register online to be in a D-group at [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth).

**Be sure to submit your questions** for *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* by email to [askthepastor@briarwood.org](mailto:askthepastor@briarwood.org). Then watch the program online Sundays at 6:00 p.m. at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App. See program archives anytime at [briarwood.org/conversations](http://briarwood.org/conversations), the Briarwood PCA App, on Facebook, Vimeo, Roku and AppleTV. Read Pastor Reeder’s latest Pastoral Letter at [briarwood.org/pastorsblog](http://briarwood.org/pastorsblog).

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