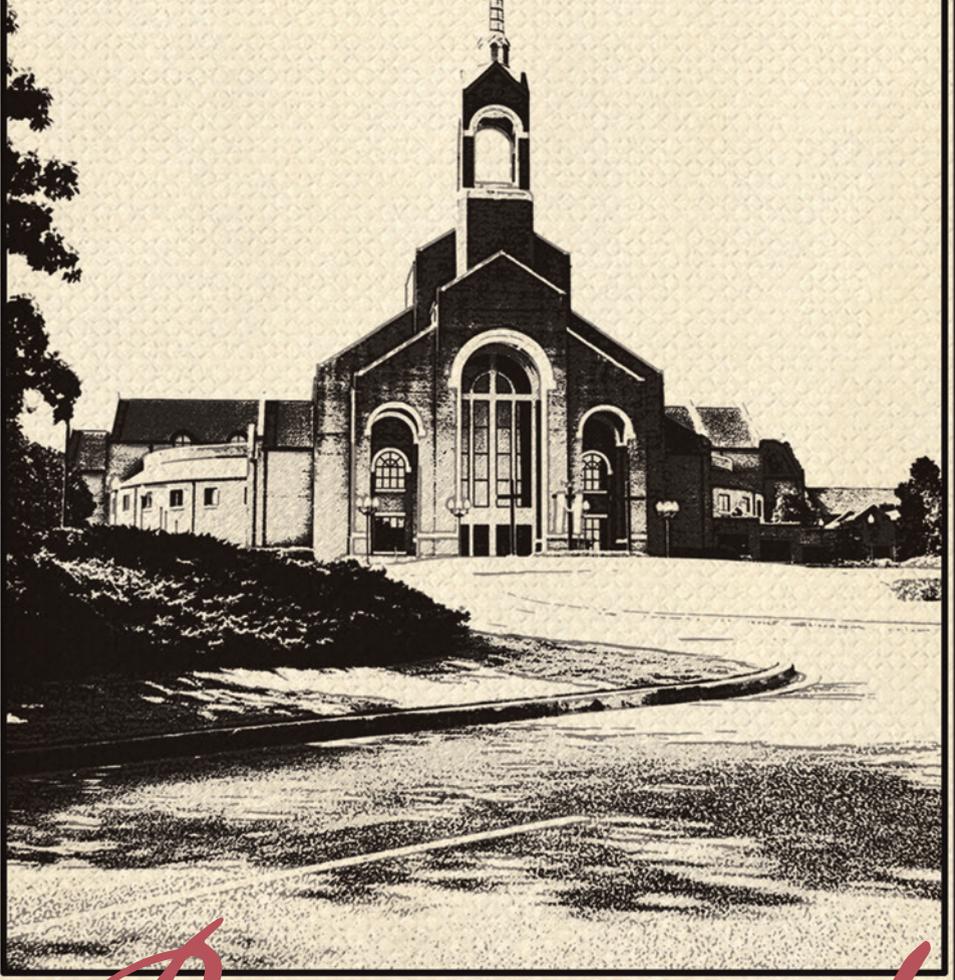




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we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 4, 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 133:1

[All:] Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte)

Walter Leveille, trumpet

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 Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"For All the Saints" Hymn 546 vv. 1, 4–6

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!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine: 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!

[Leader:] *What are the special privileges of the visible church?*

[All:] The visible church has the privilege of being under God's special care and government and of being protected and preserved throughout the ages, in spite of the opposition of all her enemies. The visible church also provides fellowship for God's people, functions as the ordinary means by which people are saved, and extends God's grace through Christ to all her members in the ministry of the gospel, testifying that whosoever believes in Him will be saved and excluding no one from fellowship who desires to come to Christ.

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

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

"Come, People of the Risen King" (Getty)

Come, people of the Risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in.

[Chorus:]

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" (Chorus x 2)

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"(At the Cross) Love Ran Red" (Tomlin)

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!

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)

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,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus!

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**

Ephesians 4:1-16

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XVI. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective
"I Believe..."
"The Communion of Saints"
Ephesians 4:1-16

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** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Hymn 286 vv. 1, 3

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again. Amen.

The Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation" (Stone)

* 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. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

"Conversations with Harry and Bruce"

available online at briarwood.org/livetv, on the BriarwoodPCA App
and on Roku, Facebook and AppleTV

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Sermons can be seen on the Briarwood YouTube channel, and sermon transcriptions
may be found at briarwood.org/sermons.

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pray with thanksgiving for God's grace to be upon each of our families and bless His Holy Name, for prayer is the right response to all situations.

Praise the Lord for each pastor participating in Fanning the Flame. Pray they would be men of prayer, their preaching would be gospel-driven and Christ-centered, they would lead well in all aspects of their ministries, and they would continually lead their families well.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

The Prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b Engage in persistent and protractive prayer along with periods of fasting during our *70 Days of Fervent Prayer* through Sun., Nov. 22. See the calendar and each day's prayer focus at briarwood.org/prayer and set up daily push notifications on the BriarwoodPCA App.

Mark your calendar now for this year's National Ministries Conference, Oct. 18-19. The theme will be "Faithful Stewards" and our conference verse is Luke 12:42-43, *And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes."* Our keynote speaker is Dr. Thomas Hawkes, pastor, church planter, author, and seminary instructor. Seventeen Ministry Partners will participate in this year's conference, with videos and Zoom meetings planned. Read more about our speaker and see the conference schedule now, at briarwood.org/nmc.

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

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Caroline Keller, Brenda Marlar, Jerry Satterwhite

Our love and sympathy to Lenora 'Nono' Whitten, Betsy Cole and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Jane Hunter Poole, on Sept. 22.

Announcements

Roku is back!—Briarwood’s new Roku channel is now available in the Roku Channel Store. Look for the BPC in the Crown of Thorns logo to add the free channel. We apologize for the inconvenience as we’ve developed this new channel.

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, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, and AppleTV. Recorded services may be seen online at briarwood.org/archivetyv, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook and Vimeo.

Conversations with Harry and Bruce—Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answer your questions Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at briarwood.org/livetv, and on the Briarwood App, Facebook, AppleTV and Roku.

Worship Center Roof Replacement—Pray for the safety of all involved in the replacing of our Worship Center Roofing System. For your protection, please do not enter the fenced areas around the Worship Center. We appreciate your patience during this season of renovation to our Worship Center.

GriefShare—If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, come to this 13-session Zoom class. Call 205-776-5227.

Divorced or separated? Come find help, discover hope, and experience healing in this weekly DivorceCare support group. The new group has started but it’s not too late to join. Contact 205-776-5281 or altadena@briarwood.org for information.

Counseling in the Local Church I—This Zoom class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. is still open to join. Dr. Stephen Cloud is teach how to conduct more effective personal ministry. Contact 205-776-5281 or altadena@briarwood.org.

We have resumed Infant Baptisms in the three Sunday morning services. Contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or mgathings@briarwood.org for future available dates. Also if you are interested in a “New Believer” baptism, contact Wendy Long in the Membership Office at 205-776-5208.

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 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 meets 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.

Raiders/BYG D-groups—7th–12th grader small group Bible studies meet Sunday nights. All students must register online at briarwood.org/youth to be in a D-group.

Register to vote! Go to vote.gov/register/al for details on ways to register. Registration deadline is Mon., Oct. 19.

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.