

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 •

## *John Calvin on Prayer*

*from*

### *“Institutes of the Christian Religion”*

*To prayer, then, are we indebted for penetrating to those riches that are treasured up for us with our heavenly Father.*

*For there is a kind of communion between God and men by which, having entered the upper sanctuary, they appear before Him and appeal to His promises, that when necessity requires they may learn by experiences that what they believed, merely on the authority of His Word, was not in vain.*

#### ***Rule #1 Reverence to God***

*Have our heart and mind framed as becomes those who are entering into converse with God. This we shall accomplish with respect to the mind, if, laying aside carnal thoughts and cares that might interfere with the direct and pure contemplation of God, it not only be wholly intent on prayer, but also, as far as possible, be borne and raised above itself.*

#### ***Rule #2 Our Need for Prayer***

*In asking, we must always truly feel our wants, seriously considering that we need all the things that we ask, accompany the prayer with a sincere, nay, ardent desire of obtaining them.*

#### ***Rule #3 Suppression of all pride***

*Divest himself of all vain glorious thoughts, lay aside all idea of worth. In short, [he must] discard all self-confidence, humbly giving God the whole glory, lest by arrogating anything, however little, to himself, vain pride cause Him to turn away His face.*

#### ***Rule #4 Hope and Faith Overcome Fear***

*Notwithstanding our being thus abased and truly humbled, we should be animated to pray with the sure hope of succeeding. In short, it is faith that obtains everything that is granted to prayer.*

*The necessity and utility of this exercise of prayer  
no words can sufficiently express.*



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# 70 Days of Fervent Prayer



Join us in persistent and  
protractive prayer  
with periods of fasting  
through November 22.

If you do not receive your prayer postcard,  
you can find the daily prayer focuses online at  
[briarwood.org/prayer](http://briarwood.org/prayer) and as daily push notifications  
on the BriarwoodPCA App.

# CONVERSATIONS

## WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answer questions  
submitted to  
askthepastor@briarwood.org  
Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

## FALL STUDIES

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### MEN OF THE COVENANT FALL 2020 STUDIES



**Monday**  
*Study of Psalms*

**Tuesday**  
*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**Friday**  
*Spiritual Depression:  
Its Causes and Cure*

See study details and  
register at  
briarwood.org/men and  
briarwood.org/women.

Nursery reservations at  
briarwood.org/nursery.

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**Monday**  
*Micah: The Minor Prophet*

**Tuesday**  
• *The Pilgrim's Progress, part 2*  
• *The Lamb of God*

**Wednesday**  
*1, 2, 3 John*

**Thursday**  
• *James*  
• *Romans, part 2: Living Sacrifices*  
• *I Corinthians 13*



### Worship Center Roof Replacement

We have begun the process of replacing the Worship Center Roofing System. Join us in prayer for the safety of the workers and the quality of workmanship. For your protection please do not enter the fenced areas, and your patience during this season of renovation to our Worship Center is appreciated.

### Register to vote!

Go to [vote.gov/register/al](https://vote.gov/register/al) for details on ways to register.  
Registration deadline is Oct. 19.



# Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – September 27, 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

*For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 118: 22–24

[All:] The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day  
that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## 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 Presentation of New Members

## \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

## \*The Hymn of Ascents

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" Hymn 278

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal Love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age!

Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna Which He gives them when they pray.

**\*The Confession of Truth**

Westminster Confession of Faith, 25:1

[ALL:] The catholic or universal church is invisible and consists of all the elect who have been, are, or ever will be gathered into one under Christ, the head. The church is his body and spouse, the fullness of God, who fills all in all.

**THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

*O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3*

**The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a*

**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 Church's One Foundation"*

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.  
  
'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

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

*"How Sweet and Awe-full is the Place"*

[Praise Team:]

*How sweet and awe-full is the place with Christ within the doors,  
while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.  
While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,  
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"*

[All:]

*"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,  
when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"  
'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;  
else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.*

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
send Your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.  
We long to see Your churches full, that all the chosen race  
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Your redeeming grace;  
sing Your redeeming grace.

[Solo:]

*We'll sing of Your great grace.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3: 16*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2:19-22

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XV. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

"The Holy catholic Church and the Communion of the Saints"

Ephesians 2:19-22

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:3*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" Hymn 280 vv. 2, 4

I love Thy Church, O God!  
Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise. Amen.

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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

*"Conversations with Harry and Bruce"*

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and on 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](http://briarwood.org/sermons).