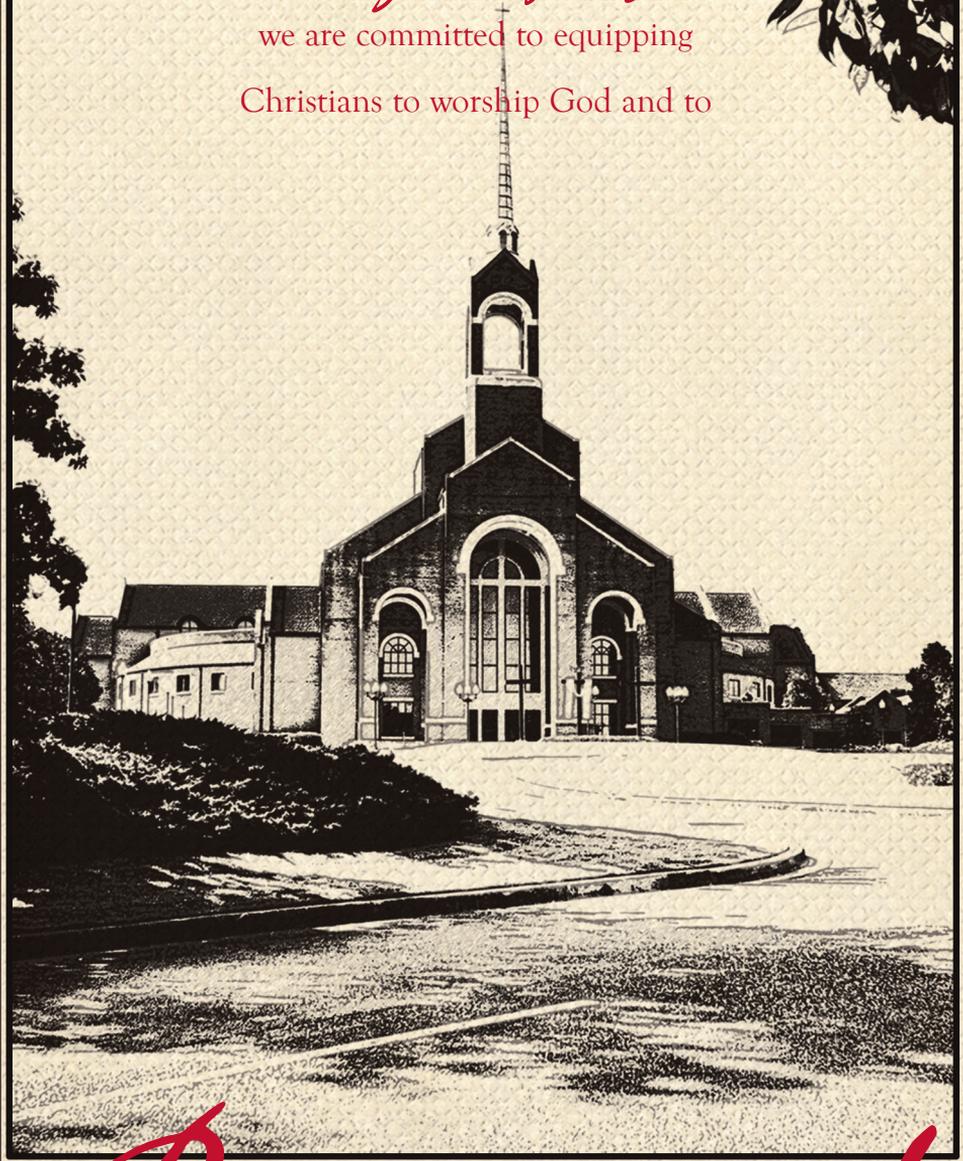




For God's glory,

we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 11, 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 32:5

[All:] I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said,

"I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross, crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 262

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy!

All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

***The Confession of Truth**

Romans 3:23; 6:23

[All:] For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 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

"His Mercy is More" (Boswell)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

[Chorus]:

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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

"Living Hope" (Wicham)

How great the chasm that lay between us;
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken: I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name;
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory. (Refrain)

Jesus Christ, my living hope;
God, You are my living hope.

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

I John 1:5-10

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XVII. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective
"I Believe..."
"The Forgiveness of Sins"
I John 1:5-10

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 "Hallelujah, What a Savior" Hymn 175 vv. 1, 5
"Man of Sorrows!" what a name For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

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. 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

Watch all services anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv and on Facebook and Vimeo.
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! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heaven! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Psalm 150:1, 2

Please be in prayer for President and Mrs. Trump as they recover from the virus. Pray their recovery will be complete with no side-effects.

Please pray for Adam and his wife Lisa as they serve with RUF at UAB. Pray for fruitful one on one evangelism and discipleship time with the students. Pray the students would grow in their faith through the Zoom small groups and Sunday Worship. Pray that God would raise up new leaders and continue to provide opportunities for ministry among UAB students.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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.

Submit your questions for *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* by email to askthepastor@briarwood.org. Then watch the program at 6:00 p.m. online Sundays at briarwood.org/livetv, on Roku, Facebook, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App. The program archives are available to watch anytime at briarwood.org/conversations, the Briarwood PCA App, on Facebook, Vimeo, and AppleTV. Go to briarwood.org/pastorsblog to read Pastor Reeder’s latest Pastoral Letter.

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.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Patricia Braxton, Daniel Cason, Richard Gallo, Donna Moore, Frank Wright, Melody Young

Our love and sympathy to Everett, Andy Ben Borg and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Gerald ‘Jerry’ Borg, on Sept. 26; Vicki Page and family on the death of her father, James L. Page, on Sept. 27; to Joe, Jacob, Ben, Ethan Loggins and family on the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Velma Loggins, on Oct. 3; and to Dick Scott and family on the death of his wife, member Nancy Scott, on Oct. 3.

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 11:00 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/archivetv, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook and Vimeo.

Recommended Books by the Pastor—To aid your prayer life during our *70 Days of Fervent Prayer*, the pastor has recommended four titles, *Pray With Your Eyes Open*, *The Valley of Vision*, *A Hunger for God*, and *Spiritual Disciplines*. You will find details and ordering info for all in the online Bookstore at briarwood.org/webstore.

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.