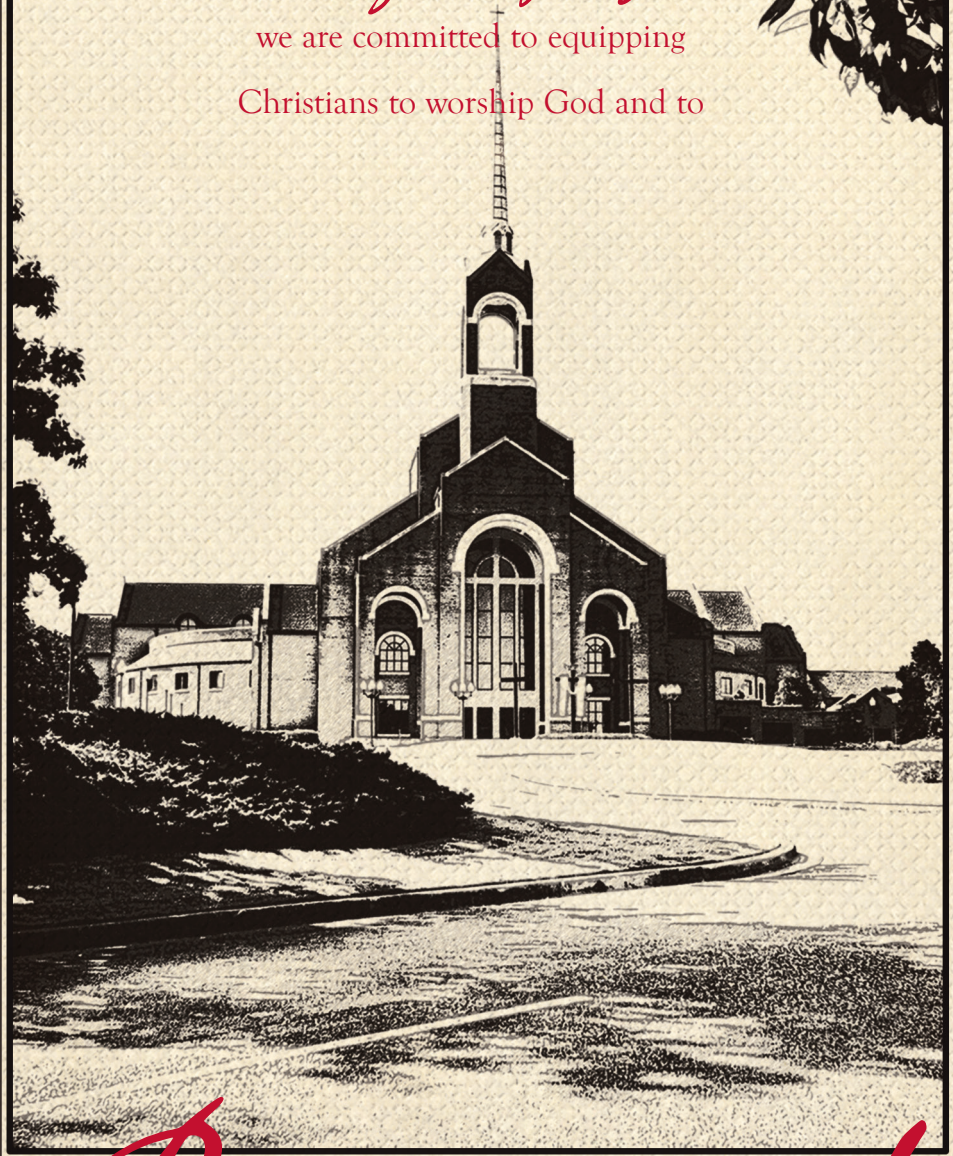




For God's glory,

we are committed to equipping
Christians to worship God and to



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



Celebration of Worship

NATIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 18, 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 145:1

[All:] My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise
His holy name for ever and ever.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (Bateman)

Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as “living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship.” Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“Rise Up, O Church of God” Hymn 293

Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O Church of God! His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O sons of God! The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task, Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!

*The Confession of Truth

[Leader:] Christians, what are we committed to do?

[All]: For God's glory, Briarwood is committed to equipping Christians to worship God and reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.

The National Ministries Partners

The Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,

Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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 Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Across the Lands" (Getty) • "Show Us Christ"

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

[Refrain]:

You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

With a shout You rose victorious, Wreathing vict'ry from the grave –
And ascended into Heaven, Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation—
You are leading sinners home! (Refrain)

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground, Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us; Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear, Lead us in Your truth.

[Chorus:]

Show us Christ, show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word.
Until every heart confesses: Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave.
Riches for the needy soul, come speak to us today. (Chorus)

Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life. (Repeat x 3)

Show us Christ, show us Christ;
Show us Christ, O God, show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word.
Until every heart confesses: Christ is Lord.

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**

Matthew 13:31-32

The Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Thomas Hawkes

National Ministries Conference
Faithful Stewards

“The Kingdom of God Starts Small,
But in the End It Has a Big Impact”
Matthew 13:31-32

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” (Converse)

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 11:00 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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Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version.

EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

“Conversations with Harry and Bruce” featuring Dr. Tom Hawkes
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.

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, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime 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 books in the online Bookstore at briarwood.org/webstore. Also another title the Pastor recommended, *Annotations on a Letter That Changed the World from a Birmingham Jail* is available now for only \$5.00. Call 776.5210 for purchase.

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.

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 tomorrow, 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.

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* Psalm 51:10

Please be in prayer for and welcome Dr. Thomas Hawkes, Founding Director of the Center for Church Planting for Reformed Theological Seminary as he shares with us at the National Ministries Conference. Pray for the 18 Ministry Partners that will also be participating in the conference.

Please pray for Urban Hope Community Church and the gospel ministry that they are doing in the city of Fairfield. There are broken men and women who are hearing the gospel and coming to know Jesus. The church is growing in membership by the grace of God. Please pray for their fundraising efforts as they move towards worshipping in their own building.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Join us this Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. for a special *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* featuring guest, Dr. Thomas Hawkes. Submit your questions for 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.

Hear from our National Ministries Conference Ministry Partners via seven interactive Zoom meetings this Sun., Oct. 18 and Mon., Oct. 19 at 6:45 p.m.. Zoom links will be available prior to the meetings at briarwood.org/nmc.

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.

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: Carolyn Black, Richard Gallo, Curtis Gossett, Ricky and Donna Moore, Jose Montalvo, Jerry Satterwhite

Our love and sympathy to Don and Leta Westmoreland and family on the death of their daughter, Donna Grundberg, on Oct. 6; to Jimmy Rush and family on the death of his father, Buddy Rush, on Oct. 10; to Jeff Whitt and family on the death of his father, Ellis Whitt, on Oct. 11; and to Beverly Fuqua and family on the death of her mother, Martha Herren, on Oct. 12.