

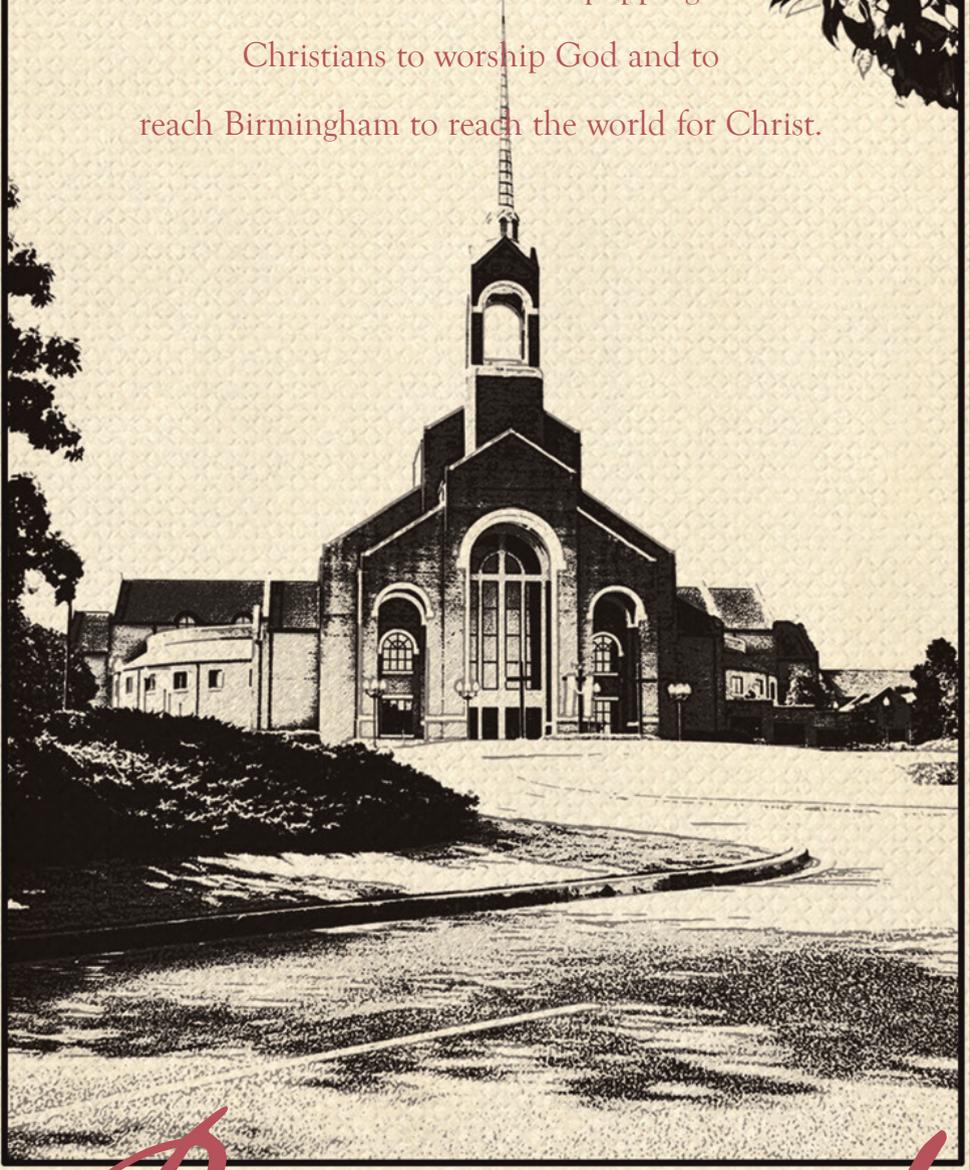


For God's glory,

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 25, 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 where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 24:1

[All:] The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Simple Gifts/Amazing Grace" (Shaker Tune)

Woodwind and Cello Ensemble

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but rule over me in liberty and power.

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Christ for the World We Sing" (Trinity Hymnal)

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and over-borne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with fervent pray'r;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with joyful song;
the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise to Christ belong.

***The Confession of Truth**

I Corinthians 4:1-2

[All:] This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

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**

"May the Peoples Praise You" (Getty)

You have called us out of darkest night, Into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, With endless life.

[Chorus:]

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes That we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, To make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaims. (Chorus) (Repeat)

Holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.
Holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious Name! (Chorus x2)

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be" Hymn 379

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days –
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee, Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold—Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine –it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart—it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal Throne.

Take my love—my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself—and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The New Testament Reading

I Timothy 1:3-4

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

VI. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective

Lifestyle Stewardship

“Found Faithful—On Mission”

I Timothy 1:3-4

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“Jesus Shall Reign” Hymn 231 vv. 1, 4

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let ev’ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

The Postlude

“Before the Throne of God Above” (Bancroft)

* 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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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. *I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your Name forever and ever.* Psalm 145:1

Prayer for our elected officials this week. Pray their hearts will love justice and do what is right for America under the covering of Jesus Christ.

Please pray that the Lord would continue softening the hearts of many international students living in Birmingham during this time. As they read the Bible one-on-one with our church members, pray that the Spirit would grant them to *know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge* (Ephesians 3:19). (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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.

This year our Christmas at the Caroline House event will look a bit different than years past. However, our focus remains the same: presenting the Gospel and preparing our hearts for this most joyous holiday season through decorations, goodies, and fellowship. The Caroline House will be open November 16–20, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. for 30 minute tours. Each tour will be limited to 10 people, and you can buy up to 4 tickets. Choose your tour date and time now at briarwood.org/cch. All ticket sales are online this year.

Every Member Commitment is your opportunity to declare how you will support the work of the Lord through your church. See the EMC presentation Sunday, Nov. 1 right after *Conversations with Harry and Bruce*, then Commitment Sunday is Nov. 8, when you can pledge four ways: in person during morning worship, by mail to the Accounting Office, by emailing emcresponse@briarwood.org, or by completing the form at briarwood.org/emc. Nov. 15 is Canvass Sunday, when those who have not made a commitment or contacted the church will be contacted by church officers.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Curtis Gossett, Jose Montalvo, Diane Parker, Bob Roark, Brooke Sanders, Jerry Satterwhite, Tom Cleage

We rejoice with Brett and Margaret Anne Owens on the birth of their daughter, Margaret ‘Maggie’ Jo, on Oct. 18 and grandparents Tim and Peggy Townes and great-grandparents Frank and Barbara Barker; with Stephen and Kate King on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, on Oct. 19; and with Marks and Carrleigh Abernathy on the birth of their son, Lawrence Stephen, on Oct. 18 and grandparents Steve and Marji Abernathy and Brad and Keela Partee.

Our love and sympathy to Eung Kim, Young Soo and Hong Soo Shin and family on the death of their husband and father, member Jong Shin, on Oct. 17; and to Gregg Adair and family on the death of his mother, member Martha Edd Adair, on Oct. 19.

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child • Pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child with the love of Jesus! Shoeboxes will be in the Ministries Lobby Nov. 1 and 8, and are due by Nov. 15 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. Or, you can build a box online (\$25) at briarwood.org/children.

Roku is back! Briarwood's new Roku channel is available in the Roku Channel Store. Just search "Briarwood Presbyterian" 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/livetelecast, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at briarwood.org/archivetelecast, 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. Call 205-776-5210 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.

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 • Please visit our website at briarwood.org/children for more information on our Children's Worship services. 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 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. meets each week. Parents/guardians of all 7th-12th graders must sign fall waiver for students to participate at briarwood.org/youth.

Raiders/BYG D-groups • 7th-12th grader small group Bible studies meet Sunday nights. All students must register for D-groups at briarwood.org/youth.

Community Food Drive Continues • The Mercy Ministry/Christian Service Mission are grateful for your support. Please continue to bring non-perishable foods to the marked trailer 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.

26th Annual Meadow Brook Runs • Sat., Dec. 19 at 1100 Corporate Parkway (35242). Start times: 5K at 9:00 a.m. and 1-mile Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. Come support The Jesus Video Project of Alabama, walkers and pets on leash welcome. Go to meadowbrookruns.org.

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.