

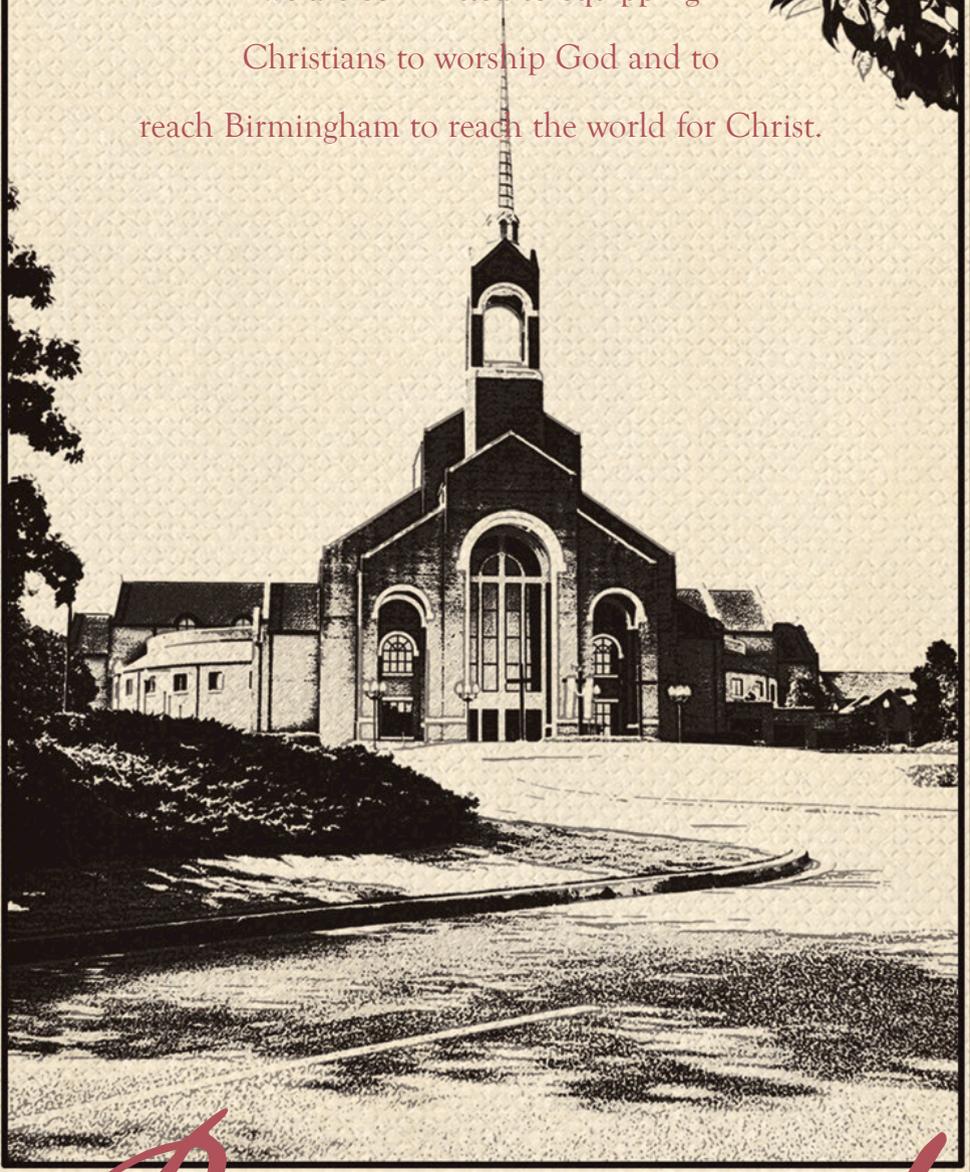


*For God's glory,*

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

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 1, 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

*Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...* Deuteronomy 4:10

**The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms**

Psalm 46:11

[All:] **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession**

*"Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)"* (Riddle/Miller/Warneking/Barnard)

Chris Travers, soloist

*"This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. It does not lie asleep in the soul. Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man, and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident."* –Martin Luther

**The Piper Processional**

*"Highland Cathedral"*

Thomas Caucutt, bagpipes

**The Invocation**

**The Gospel Word of Salvation**

**\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

**\*The Hymn of Ascents**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* (arr. Rutter)

A mighty Fortress is our God, A Bulwark never failing;

Our Helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe—

His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—

Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him—

His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also—

The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

**\*The Confession of Truth**

The Solas of the Reformation

[Leader:] *Sola Scriptura*—

[All:] **The Scripture alone is our only authoritative rule for faith and life.**

[Leader:] *Sola Gratia*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone.**

[Leader:] *Sola Fide*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone.**

[Leader:] *Solus Christus*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone.**

[Leader:] *Soli Deo Gloria*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone that we might Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

**The Remembrance of God's Saints and Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

Tom Allen; Lou Isaacson; Phillip Blazer; Pete Chadwick; Odis Huffstutler; Elaine Patton; Bobbie Ledbetter; Bob Taylor; Cole Watson; Kathleen Duggan; Judy Carns; Hugh Humphrey; Al Guthrie; Walter Lowe; Robbie Smith; Bailey Marks, Sr.; Ivy Wittichen; JD Freeman; Joyce Yancey; Louis Anders; Hugh Mitchell, Jr.; Louis Henderson; Jo Anne Tyler; Bob Wright; Barbara Wood; Wayne Crawford; Betty Taylor; Fred Barnett; Mike Smith; Mary Novak; Bill Walker III; Ed Travis; Linda Sitton; Nancy Scott; Jong Shin; Martha Edd Adair

**\*The Hymn of Remembrance**

*"For All the Saints" Hymn 546*

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!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Men:]

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Women:]

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

[All:]

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!

**Every Member Commitment Testimony**

Jeff Flannery

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a*

**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**

“In Christ Alone” (Kosh/Craig)

[Praise Team:]

*In Christ alone will I glory, Though I could pride myself in battles won;  
For I've been blessed beyond measure, And by His strength alone I overcome.  
Oh, I could stop and count successes Like diamonds in my hand,  
But those trophies could not equal To the grace by which I stand.*

[All:]

In Christ alone I place my trust, and find my glory in the power of the cross.  
In every victory let it be said of me My source of strength,  
my source of hope, is Christ alone. (Repeat)

**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,  
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*The New Testament Reading**

II Timothy 3:16, 17

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

VII. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective  
*Lifestyle Stewardship*  
“Found Faithful—On Message”  
II Timothy 3:16, 17

**THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

“Amazing Grace” Hymn 202 vv. 1, 5

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost But now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

When we've been there Ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days  
To sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

**The Postlude**

“Be Thou My Vision” (Byrne)

\* 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](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”

available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://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](http://briarwood.org/sermons).

## Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father...that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.* Eph. 3:14-17a

Pray for America this week and the unity of Her people through Christ Jesus.

Pray for Olexiy and Olena Travnikov who serve with Cru in Ukraine as national leaders with Family Life marriage building ministry. More than 35 cities of Ukraine are a part of the Family Life Movement with over 4,000 hearing the Gospel through events arranged by the teams they have trained. Pray for married couple leaders who have been trained to disciple other couples. (*The flag of Ukraine is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Tonight's *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* at 6:00 p.m. online at [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org) and on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App will highlight our Every Member Commitment with testimonies from Ministry Partners and a message from the Stewardship Education Committee. Next Sun., Nov. 8, will be Commitment Sunday, with four different ways to make your pledge. And Nov. 15 will be Canvass Sunday, when those who have not otherwise contacted the church will be contacted by church officers.

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](http://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 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](http://briarwood.org/cch). All ticket sales are online this year.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Tom Cleage, Mary Frances Crawford, Jose Montalvo, Brian O'Brien, Bonnie Richards, Jerry Satterwhite

We rejoice with Ian and Tara Flaniken on the birth of their daughter, Lily Grace, on Oct. 19; with Will and Lydia McBryde on the birth of their daughter, Lyla Barry, on Oct. 20; and with Zach and Meghan Harrison on the birth of their daughter, Rosemary June, on Oct. 23.

Our love and sympathy to John, Tiffany and Madison Lattner and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Carol Lattner, on Oct. 20; to Dan Allison and family on the death of his brother, Jack Allison, on Oct. 22; and to Vicki Portis and family on the death of her father, Johnny Portis, on Oct. 25.

# Announcements

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**Operation Christmas Child** • Pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child with the love of Jesus! Pick up a boxes in the Ministries Lobby today and Nov. 8, and return by Nov. 15 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. Or, you can build a box online (\$25) at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children).

**Vote this Tues., Nov. 3**, and be sure to watch the Oct. 25 *Conversations with Harry & Bruce* previewing the election online at [briarwood.org/conversations](http://briarwood.org/conversations).

**The Session has called Congregational Meetings** for Sun., Dec. 6 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2023 and Sun., Dec. 13 for the purpose of electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on Dec. 6. In addition, due to the ramifications of COVID, we will allow electronic voting this one time during the time slot of 8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. on our website. Instructions will be given before the two Sundays.

**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/livetyv](http://briarwood.org/livetyv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetyv](http://briarwood.org/archivetyv), 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**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](http://briarwood.org/employment).