

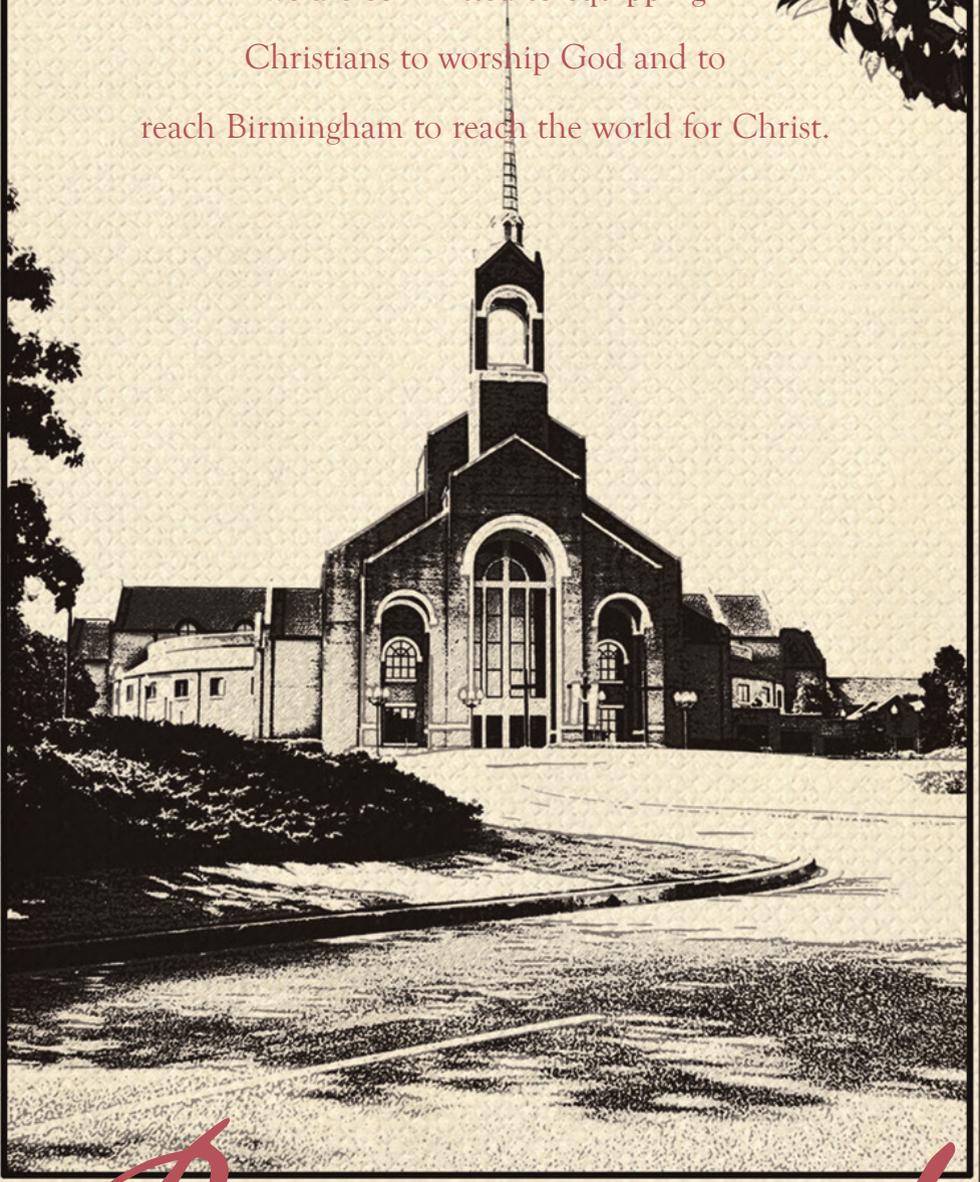


For God's glory,

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 – November 8, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 89:11

[All:] The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“La Rejouissance” (Handel)

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**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” Hymn 560

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;

[Refrain:]

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

[Women:]

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of night: (Refrain)

[Men:]

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

[All:]

For Thy Church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love: (Refrain)

For Thyself, best gift divine, To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, Peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)
Amen.

*The Confession of Truth

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

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe 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

"We Are An Offering" (Liles)

[Praise Team:]

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives they are Yours, We are an offering.

All that we have, All that we are,
All that we hope to be we give to You, We give to You.
(Congregation repeat)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

VIII. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective
Lifestyle Stewardship
"Found Faithful—In Ministry"
Matthew 28:16-20

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

The Receiving of Pledges

"I Will Offer Up My Life" (Redman)

Ben Lashley, soloist

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart.

[Chorus:]

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung

As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?

Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,

Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.

This thankful heart, This thankful heart.

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Recessional**

“I Will Offer Up My Life” (Redman)

Ben Lashley, soloist

You deserve my every breath, for You’ve paid the great cost;

Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross.

You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin

Open up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in. (Chorus)

We’ll bring an offering, unto You an offering.

What can I, what can I, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?

I want to please Your heart.

What can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?

What can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?

What can I bring to the King of kings?

Oh, what can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?

Simply this: I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,

Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to You.

In surrender I must give my every part;

Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart,

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The Postlude

“Like a River Glorious” (Havergal)

* 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.

Every Member Commitment Sunday

Pledge cards can be submitted in 4 ways:

- In person in all three morning worship services
 - By mail to the Accounting Office
2200 Briarwood Way, Bham., AL 35243
 - By emailing emcresponse@briarwood.org
- By completing the online form at briarwood.org/emc

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.* Psalm 47:1, 2

Pray for the unity of our people throughout America.

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. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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

You are invited to conclude our *70 Days of Fervent Prayer* and prepare for Thanksgiving by celebrating Communion together as a church family on Sun., Nov. 22 at 6:00 p.m. This will be our first Communion service in many months. Out of protection for everyone we will maintain social distancing protocols as we worship our Lord and partake of Communion together. Reservations will be required to attend this service in order to ensure we do not exceed our capacity, and will open at briarwood.org/communion Mon., Nov. 9 at 8:00 a.m.

The Drive Through Nativity is looking for you—actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene builders and more! We need 500 volunteers to serve Dec. 9, 10, and 11 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. There's a place for everyone. Sign up by Nov. 18—call 776-5251; visit briarwood.org/nativity; or go to Briarwood App under More About Briarwood/Online Forms.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Ruthie Acton, Joy Branham, Sherri Clark, Mary Frances Crawford, Jose Montalvo, Bob Roark, Jerry Satterwhite, Rose Wear

We rejoice with Wes and Kaitlin Schaeffer on the birth of their daughter, Allie James, on Oct. 28 and grandparents John and Allison Bentley; with Bobby and Meredith Hulsey on the birth of their son, Thomas Denson, on Oct. 28; and with Hardie and Rossi Carlson on the birth of their daughter, Frances 'Frankie' Hardie, on Oct. 27 and grandparents Jim and Bingham Carlson.

Our love and sympathy to Jim and Hardie Carlson and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Esther Virginia 'Gina' Carlson, on Nov. 1.

The flowers on the Worship Center are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Catherine Anne Brown and Stephen Allen Mercier on Nov. 7.

Announcements

70 Days of Fervent Prayer through Sun., Nov. 22 • Engage in persistent and protractive prayer along with periods of fasting. See the calendar and each day's prayer focus at briarwood.org/prayer and set up daily push notifications on the BriarwoodPCA App.

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 and Chapel Lobbies today and return by Nov. 15 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. Or, you can build a box online (\$25) at briarwood.org/children.

Give children of prisoners a Christmas gift by picking up an Angel in the Bookstore and Chapel Hallways today and Nov. 15, then return your gifts by Nov. 22 to the Worship Center Lobby during Sunday services and the Membership Office during office hours. Or, you may make a donation for an Angel Tree gift online by going to briarwood.org/children and clicking the logo.

I Cared Enough • Help Daniel Cason Ministries feed 1,000 families in 10 of Birmingham's poorest communities Nov. 24. Go to danielcason.org and click the Donate button to help. This is in lieu of his usual Crossplex event.

Briarwood Christmas Shop • Help the Briarwood High School PTF support our High School Teachers and Faculty by participating in the online Christmas Shop and Auction, Nov. 9-16. See great gifts and keepsakes from unique and talented merchants by visiting christmasshop.givesmart.com.

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.

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/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.

If you are interested in infant Baptism in our 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.

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.

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.