

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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Drive Through NATIVITY

BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Christmas season join our Church family to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by serving in the ***Drive Through Nativity 2020***. We will come together on December 9, 10, and 11 for a dramatic presentation of the life of Jesus Christ from His birth to His resurrection. This year is a little different, with our returning to a Drive Through Nativity instead of our usual Walk Through Nativity. Yet, this will be an exciting and effective way for us to reach out to our friends and neighbors in our community with the Greatest News Ever!

We need your participation to be one of the 600 volunteers needed to make this outreach successful. There is a place for everyone. We need actors, drivers, greeters, traffic attendants, scene builders, and more. You have the opportunity to work one night and impact many children and adults deeply with the Gospel through this outreach event. In past Nativities, many have heard the Gospel for the first time, and we have heard stories of people receiving Christ. Please come join us by signing up today at briarwood.org/nativity, using the Briarwood App under More/Online Forms, or by calling 205-776-5251.

Whether or not you volunteer, plan to attend the Drive Through Nativity. Use this as an outreach event and invite your friends and neighbors. Go ahead and download the free Briarwood PCA App to your phone now, as this will be how you will hear the narration. You can pick up a pre-made yard sign at the Church to place in your yard. Let's unite together to proclaim Christ through the ***Drive Through Nativity 2020!***

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CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings
answer questions submitted to
askthepastor@briarwood.org
this Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook,
Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

▪ EMC Canvass Sunday ▪

This Sun., Nov. 15 is when church officers will reach out to members who have not yet made a commitment for 2021. You may submit your EMC Pledge in person this Sun. when attending worship, by emailing emcresponse@briarwood.org or online at briarwood.org/emc.



Conclude our 70 Days of Fervent Prayer by celebrating Communion, **Sun., Nov. 22 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Worship Center. Reservations are required as attendance is limited, so save your space now by going to briarwood.org/communion.



Decorated for Christmas, the Caroline House is a wonderful way to prepare your heart and those of your friends for the Advent season. 30 minute tours from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. will be available Nov. 16–20.

Make your reservation now at briarwood.org/cch.

70 Days of Fervent Prayer

As we approach the conclusion Nov. 22 of our season of prayer, remember that you can get daily prayer focus reminders on the BriarwoodPCA App, as well as by going to briarwood.org/prayer.



Angel Tree

Help Prison Fellowship provide children of prisoners Christmas gifts by taking an Angel request in the Bookstore and

Chapel hallways this Sun. morning and returning your gift Nov. 22 in the Bookstore area. Or, you can make a donation to Angel Tree at briarwood.org/childrensoutreach.

Operation Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse provides shoebox gifts to children around the world with your help

every year. Please return your packed boxes this Sun., Nov. 15 in the Children's Auditorium Hallway. You may also pack a shoebox online through Nov. 22 at briarwood.org/childrensoutreach.





Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 15, 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 thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 16:10-11

[All:] For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"The Day of Resurrection" (arr. Larson)
Briarwood Brass

*Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts
vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my
infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my
strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender
of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the
blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.*

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Rutter)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earthy reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***The Confession of Truth**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, q. 38

[Leader:] *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

[All:] At the resurrection Christ will immediately raise up in glory all believers; He will openly acknowledge and acquit them in the day of judgement, graciously rewarding them according to their works of faith, and they will enter into the full enjoyment of God for all eternity.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2

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**

"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" (Getty/Kauflin)

[Praise Team:]

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

[Refrain:]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

[All:]

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Refrain)

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. (Refrain x2)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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

"He Will Hold Me Fast" (Merker)

Elizabeth Jordan, soloist

Annesley Streets, violinist

[Solo:]

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

[Refrain:]

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.*

[All:]

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! (Refrain)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law
he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2*

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***The New Testament Reading**

I Corinthians 15

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XVIII. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective
"I Believe..."

"The Resurrection of the Body"
I Corinthians 15

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation** "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" Hymn 225 vv. 1, 5

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;

Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.

Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

The Postlude

"We Are God's People" (Leech)

* 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"

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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.