

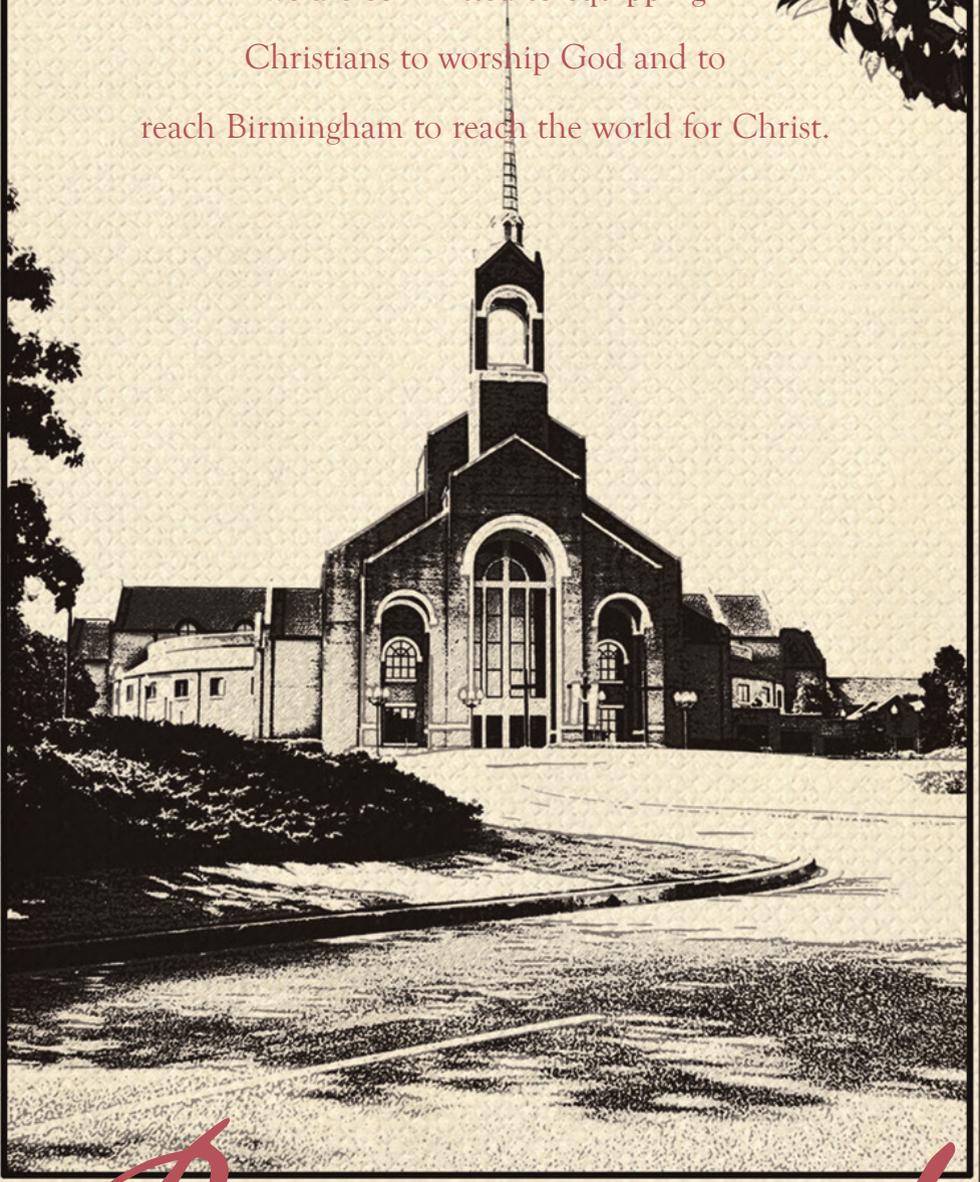


For God's glory,

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 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 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 Musical Offering of Worship** "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" (Getty/Kaufman)

[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"

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! *Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.* Psalm 146:1

Pray for God's people to trust in the Lord with your whole heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Pray for the Church Revitalization Ministry of Briarwood and Embers to a Flame team as they equip and encourage church leaders to pursue church health, and pray for Fanning the Flame coaches as they mentor pastors in the area of leadership development.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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 are open at briarwood.org/communion.

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

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due today. Samaritan's Purse sends these shoebox gifts to children around the world with your help every year. Please return your packed boxes in the Children's Auditorium Hallway. You may also pack a shoebox online through Nov. 22 at briarwood.org/childrensoutreach.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Ruthie Acton, Bobby Bowen, Joy Branham, Mary Frances Crawford, Rose Wear

Our love and sympathy to Jean Satterwhite, Alison and Emma Craig, Amy, Lauren and Caroline Self and family on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, member Jerry Satterwhite, on Nov. 8; to Lee and Emily Atherton and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Alan Barnes, on Nov. 8; and to Diane Eaton and family on the death of her brother, Frederick 'Tony' Hall, on Nov. 8.

Announcements

The Men's Saturday morning prayer group is meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View House. Contact Dave Matthews for information at dmatthews@briarwood.org.

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.

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 205-776-5251; visit briarwood.org/nativity; or go to Briarwood App under More About Briarwood/Online Forms.

Christmas at the Caroline House will be a great way to prepare our hearts for this holiday season through decorations, goodies, and fellowship. It 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.

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.

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/livety, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at briarwood.org/archivety, 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.

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.