

THE **BRIARWOOD WEEKLY**

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70 Days of Fervent Prayer

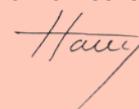


Grace and peace, Brothers and Sisters. Our “Call to 70 Days of Fervent Prayer” concludes with our Communion Celebrations Nov. 22 at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Praise the Lord our first service filled, but there will be space in our added 8:00 p.m. service. While our call to fervent prayer concludes, this does not mean our commitment to fervent prayer should conclude. My Pastoral desire is that this “70 Day Call” will have a transforming effect in the prayer life of each and every Briarwood member, beginning with me. Having said this, I also encourage us to focus upon “giving thanks with a grateful heart” through prayer and praise this coming Thanksgiving week. I pray you and your family will have a glorious and encouraging Thanksgiving Season with a sense of God’s presence in your life.

Here is one area for which I am thankful...I praise the Lord that we are able to safely expand our “Interim Worship/Ministry Plan D” to embrace, not only our Communion Services Sunday, but also special celebration and outreach events this Advent Season. The Advent theme is “The Kings of Christmas.” Please take advantage of these special events to invite friends and seekers to hear the Gospel. Be assured all appropriate prescribed COVID precautions will be observed. Also, pray for the effective impact of the Drive-Through Nativity, our Christmas Festival—“Hallelujah,” and our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, including the a cappella Communion services.

If you have not yet made a reservation for the 8:00 p.m. Communion service this Lord’s Day, please do so at briarwood.org/communion. Thank you for assisting in celebrating Communion safely.

Praise Be to the “King of kings!”



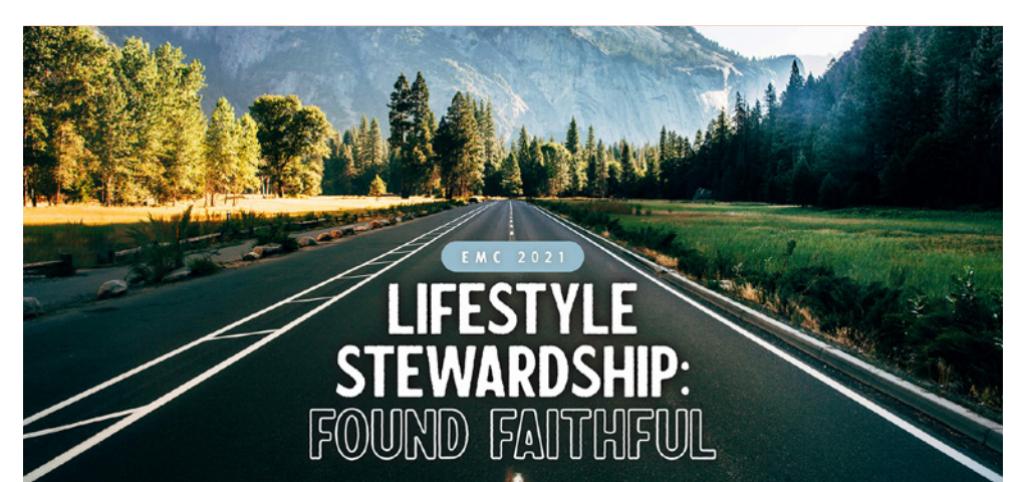
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The Lord's Supper

In lieu of our usual *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* this Sun., Nov. 22, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. service has filled, so make reservations to attend the 8:00 p.m. service in person online at briarwood.org/communion, or join on the livestream at 6:00 p.m. on briarwood.org/livetv, Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.



EMC 2021

LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP: FOUND FAITHFUL

• EMC Pledge Cards •

A reminder that if you still need to submit your Every Member Commitment Pledge for 2021, you may do so by mail to 2200 Briarwood Way, B'ham., AL 35243; by emailing emcresponse@briarwood.org; or by completing the online form at briarwood.org/emc. On this same webpage you may also see the EMC video and brochure describing some of the many ways your tithe is used throughout the year.



Drive Through NATIVITY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Briarwood Members are invited to go online to briarwood.org/nativity and see which volunteer positions for this year's Drive Through Nativity, Dec. 9–11 are still available.

There is something for everyone to do!

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
December 9, 10, 11
6:45–8:45 p.m.

PURCHASE POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

DEDICATE A POINSETTIA IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL, AND HELP DECORATE THE WORSHIP CENTER FOR CHRISTMAS.

ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE, OR PURCHASE ONLINE AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/POINSETTIA.



Christmas Poinsettias



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 22, 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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 23:6

[All:] Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and
I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (arr. Cason)

Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

The Receiving of Communicants and New Members (11:00)

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Blessed Assurance" Hymn 345

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

[Refrain:]

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission - all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

*The Confession of Truth

Revelation 21:1-6; 22:4-5

[Leader:] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

[All:] They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

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

"No More Night" (Harrah)
Hunter Goff, soloist

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"One Day" • "It Is Well with My Soul"

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,

One day when sin was as black as could be,

Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,

Dwelt among men, my example is He!

Word became flesh and the light shined among us; His glory revealed.

[Refrain:]

Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me;

Buried, He carried my sins far away;

Rising, He justified freely forever:

One day He's coming—Oh glorious day, oh glorious day!

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree;

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected:

Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!

Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree;
And took the nails for me. (Refrain)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then He arose, over death He had conquered;
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again. (Refrain)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine;

Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing; My Savior Jesus is mine! (Refrain)

[Refrain:]

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The New Testament Reading

I John 5:11-13

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XIX. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective
“I Believe...”
“The Life Everlasting”
I John 5:11-13

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation “When We All Get to Heaven” Hymn 542 v. 1
Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.

The Postlude

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”(Alford)

* 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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