

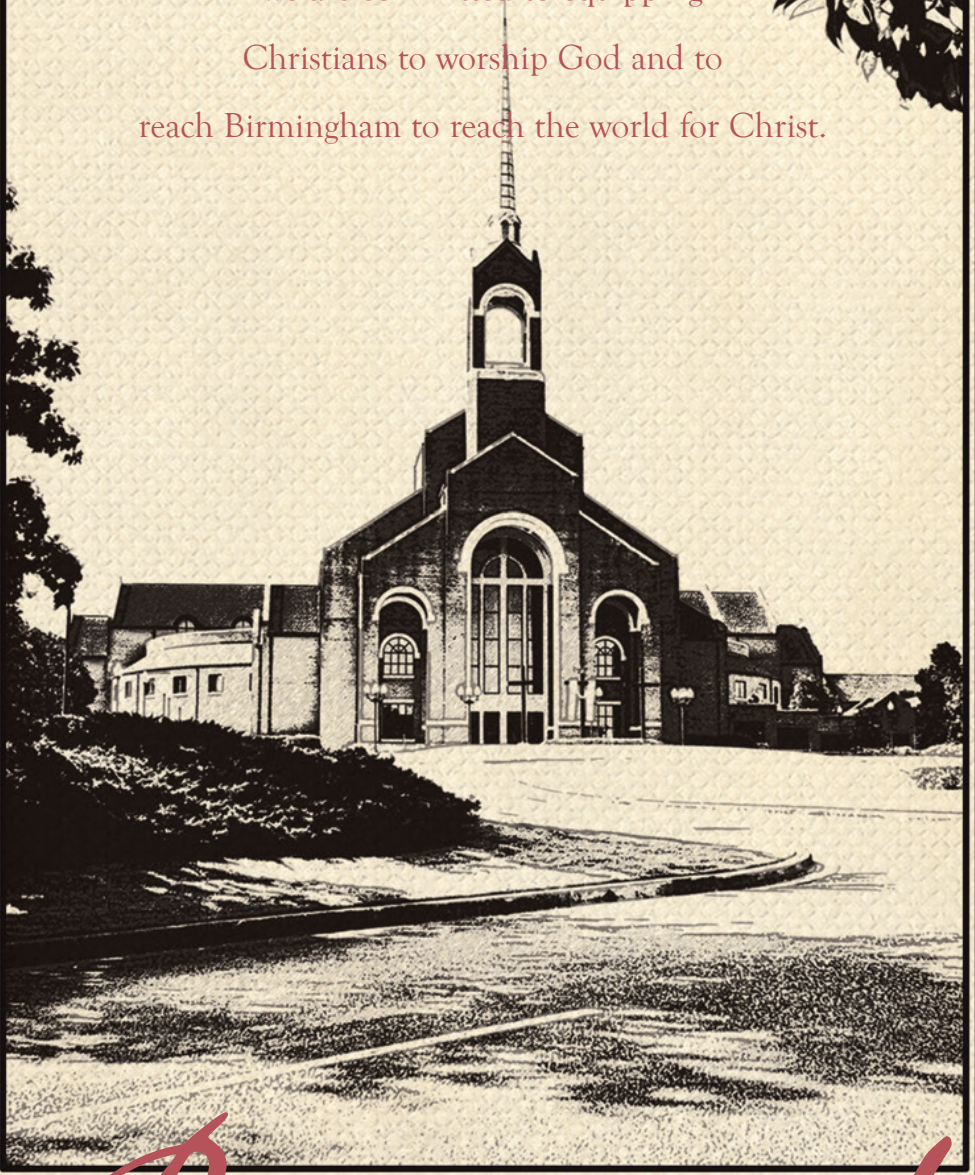


*For God's glory,*

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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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 10, 2021

## 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

*For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 86:5

[All:] For You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “In Christ Alone” (arr. Marcum)

Brass Quintet

*Lord God Almighty, You have made known to me that my salvation is Christ's work, but to cleave to Him by faith is my work, and with this faith is the necessity of my daily repentance as a mourning for the sin which Christ by grace has removed. Continue, O God, to teach me that faith apprehends Christ's righteousness not only for the satisfaction of justice, but as unspotted evidence of Your love to me. Help me to make use of His work of salvation as the ground of peace, and of Your favor to, and acceptance of me the sinner, so that I may live always near the cross.*

*adapted from The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Ascents

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” Hymn 228

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:

[Refrain:]

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above: (Refrain)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n: (Refrain)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up To their eternal home: (Refrain).

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3*

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

### 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

"Rock of Ages" (arr. Berg)

Ken Berg, soloist

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
These for sin could not atone, Thou must save, and Thou alone.  
Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to the cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,  
As I rise to worlds unknown, And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

### The Confession of Truth

Romans 11:33-36

[Leader:] Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

[All:] "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?"

[Leader:] "Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?"

[All:] For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

[All:] Thanks be to God!

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

"Behold Our God"

[Solo:]

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice.

[Chorus:]

Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King—nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him.

[All:]

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man;  
God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. (Chorus)

[Men:] You will reign forever.

[Women:] Let Your glory fill the earth! (x4)

(Chorus x2)



## 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

Romans 1:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

I. Romans in Biblical Perspective  
*The Gospel of God*  
"Who? What? When? Where? Why?"  
Romans 1:1-7

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

*"Lead On, O King Eternal" (Shurtleff)*

\* 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), on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv).

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

## A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Leadership in Biblical Perspective

*Officer Ordination*

"Leadership as Worship"

II Samuel 23:13-17

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

The 6:00 Sunday evening service is also available live online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), and on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.* Psalm 121:1, 2

Pray for those who continue to suffer with the effects of the virus, and for their complete recovery. *The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.* Psalm 121:5

Seminary students, pastors, and church leaders will attend the Embers to a Flame Conference at Briarwood January 14-17. Pray for these men and women and the support of their congregations. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts to learn from God's word and embrace the strategies for church health.

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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This week kicks off our Men of the Covenant and Women of the Covenant studies for the winter/spring. Some of the studies are virtual and some are in-person, but all require registration in order to participate. Ladies can go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women), click the link to Spring Studies and read a description for each of the eight studies being offered. Online registration is also available on the webpage. The four offered Men's studies and registration are posted at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men). Be sure and make your reservation this week. Make 2021 a year of spiritual growth by choosing the study that's right for you!

Please continue bringing non-perishable foods for the Community Food Drive by dropping off donations to the marked trailer located in Parking Lot-B, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sundays 7:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Mercy Ministry/Christian Service Mission are grateful for your support.

This evening we will begin our Ministry/Worship Plan E by holding in-person worship in the 6:00 p.m. service. Tonight's service is one of Ordination and Installation for Briarwood Officers. The evening service will also be provided via livestream on the same platforms as our morning worship; [briarwood.org/livete](http://briarwood.org/livete), on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App. Additionally, the Briarwood Christian Bookstore and Church Library are now open on Sunday mornings.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Bill Cunningham, Barbara Head, Miriam McClung, Jim Dewberry, Sam Mooney

Our love and sympathy to Bobby Boisky and family on the death of his sister, Carolyn Jean Seay, on Dec. 28; to Scott and Rachel Summers and family on the death of their step-father and grandfather, Cecil Jones, on Dec. 31; to the family of member Isabel Bradley on her death on Dec. 31; and to Thad James and family on the death of his wife, Yvonne James, on Jan. 3.

# Announcements

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**Birmingham Prayer Vigil and Witness For Life**—Sat., Jan. 16 at 10:45 a.m. at Planned Parenthood (1019 1st Ave North). Rain or shine; families welcome! Go to [birminghammarchforlife.com](http://birminghammarchforlife.com) for more information.

**Sanctity of Life Sunday** will be observed in our Jan. 17 worship services.

**GriefShare** • If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, join us for a 13-session Zoom class starting Jan. 13. Call Pastoral Care at 205-776-5227 for more information.

**The Men's Saturday morning prayer group** is meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Building. Contact Dave Matthews for information at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

**Friendship Partner/ESL** • Want to live a lifestyle of evangelism and discipleship but don't know where to start? Join us in welcoming local international students, scholars, and families. Partner with a student for a year or join our ESL group in teaching English to build relationships and bridges to the gospel. Email Caroline at [cbrown@briarwood.org](mailto:cbrown@briarwood.org).

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

**Sunday Evening Worship** • Briarwood's 6:00 p.m. Sunday service is now available in-person or by livestream.

**Bookstore/Library** • The Briarwood Christian Bookstore and the Church Library are now open on Sunday mornings for your convenience.

**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.

If you are interested in infant Baptism in our 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.

**Current Job opportunities:**

**Church Grounds.** Full-time, hours are 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. Includes benefit package. Contact Robert Clifton at [rclifton@briarwood.org](mailto:rclifton@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5234 for more information or to apply.

**Facilities.** Full-time, second-shift position. Hours are 2:00–10:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. Saturday night overtime shifts are available. Main duties are classroom setup and breakdown with some minor cleaning. Full benefit package. For more information or to apply, contact Dale Keller at [dkeller@briarwood.org](mailto:dkeller@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5231.

**Facilities Scheduling Coordinator.** Seeking a person able to communicate effectively, have an attention to details, and a proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office. In addition, multi-tasking and the ability to problem solve is essential. This is a full-time position with benefits. contact Steve Goebel at 205-776-5230 or [sgoebel@briarwood.org](mailto:sgoebel@briarwood.org) to apply.

**Shepherding Team Administrative Assistant.** Seeking a Briarwood member for a full-time position with benefits. Applicant must have proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, effective organization and excellent communication skills. Please send résumé to Benny Youngblood at [byoungblood@briarwood.org](mailto:byoungblood@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5321.