

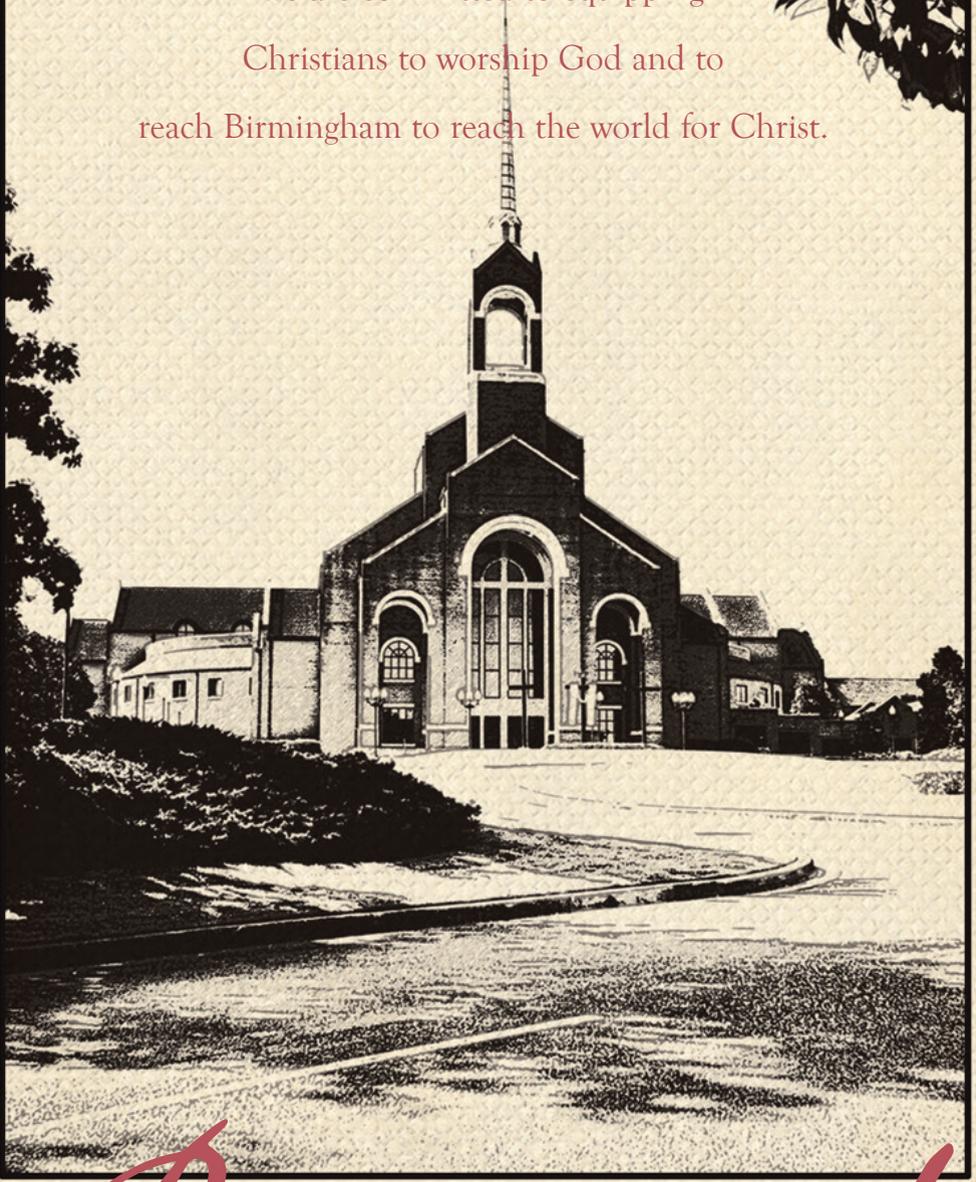


For God's glory,

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

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 17, 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 86:1-2

[All:] Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in You— You are my God.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Trumpet Tune in D Major” (Johnson)

O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Ascents

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymn 278

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age!

Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which He gives them when they pray. Amen.

The Confession of Truth

Psalm 139:13-16

[Leader:] *For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.*

[All:] **My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

[Leader:] *The Word of the Lord.*

[All:] **Thanks be to God!**

The Recognition of Sanctity of Life Partners

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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

Rise Up, O Church of God" (Merrill/Williams)

[Solo:]

*Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.*

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"O Church Arise" (Getty/Townend)

O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations.

[Chorus:]

Arise, shine, for Your light has come.
Arise, shine, for the risen Son.
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride.
Arise, O Church, arise.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,

We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory. (Chorus x2)

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

Romans 1:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

II. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“Who? What? Whom? Where? When? Why? – Part 2”

Romans 1:1-7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“Rise Up, O Church of God” Hymn 293 v. 4

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God! Amen.

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, on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

IV. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

“Death—What's Next?”

John 11

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

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

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.* Deuteronomy 31:8

Pray for America during this divisive time. Pray for protection, direction, wisdom, and a Godly influence in the lives of our leaders.

As the new semester begins at UAB, pray for Briarwood International Outreach as we welcome newly-arrived international students. Pray that these students will hear the gospel as well as see it lived out as we serve, love and welcome them. (*The flag of Alabama is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Support our Sanctity of Life partners by reading about their ministries on the Briarwood website and volunteering your time, talents and treasure! There are a variety of ways for you to get involved in our community with these pro-life organizations and make a Stand for Life. Go to briarwood.org/lifepartners for a list of the ministry partners and links to their websites.

It is not too late to join a Bible Study! Men of the Covenant and Women of the Covenant studies are meeting 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, 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. Be sure and make your reservation this week. Make 2021 a year of spiritual growth by choosing the study that's right for you!

The Music and Worship Ministry is looking for additional singers, as well as players for drums, bass guitar, electric guitar and synthesizer to serve on the Briarwood Praise Team. Please reach out to Ben Lashley at blashley@briarwood.org for more information.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Diana Murphree, Pat Goff, Sam Mooney, Horace Sanders, Jim Shackelford, Jim Dewberry, Miriam McClung, Bill Cunningham.

Our love and sympathy to Jim and Peggy Parrish and family on the death of their son, Stewart Parrish, on Dec. 2; to Thad James and family on the death of his wife, Yvonne James, Jan. 3; to Steve Dobbs and family on the death of his father, Charles Dobbs, on Jan. 6; to Gene Head Sr., Lynn Cline, Gene Head Jr., Wesley Cline, Carly Cline, Abby Haley and Evans Head and family on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, member Barbara Head, on Jan. 6; to Joby Hurst and family on the death of his mother, Verlon Hurst, on Jan. 10.

Announcements

Forgiven and Set Free—Free, confidential and caring small group Bible study for post-abortive women starting in February. Every woman who has had an abortion will benefit from this study. Contact Heather at 205-578-2022.

Fostering Hope is our ministry to prospective and current foster parents and foster children. You may not be able to be a foster parent, but you can foster hope. Contact David Wells for info at 205-587-9553.

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

The church and school offices will be closed Mon., Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King Day.

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.

BYG and Raiders Wednesday Night meetings start back Jan. 13. Parent/guardians must sign waiver at briarwood.org/youth for students to participate. Email Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org for more information.

BYG and Raiders D-Group, small group Bible studies for 7th - 12th graders, start back Sun., Jan. 24. Email Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org for more information.

College Monday Night Gatherings start back Jan. 25 every Monday night at the Barn at 8:00 p.m. Join us as we look at Gospel Living taught by various teachers.

College Small Group Bible Studies are available. For more information, email Max Bunn at mbunn@briarwood.org or Jenna Viets at jviets@briarwood.org.

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.

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.

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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 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.

Community Food Drive—Continue bringing non-perishable foods to the marked trailer located in Parking Lot-B on 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.

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.