

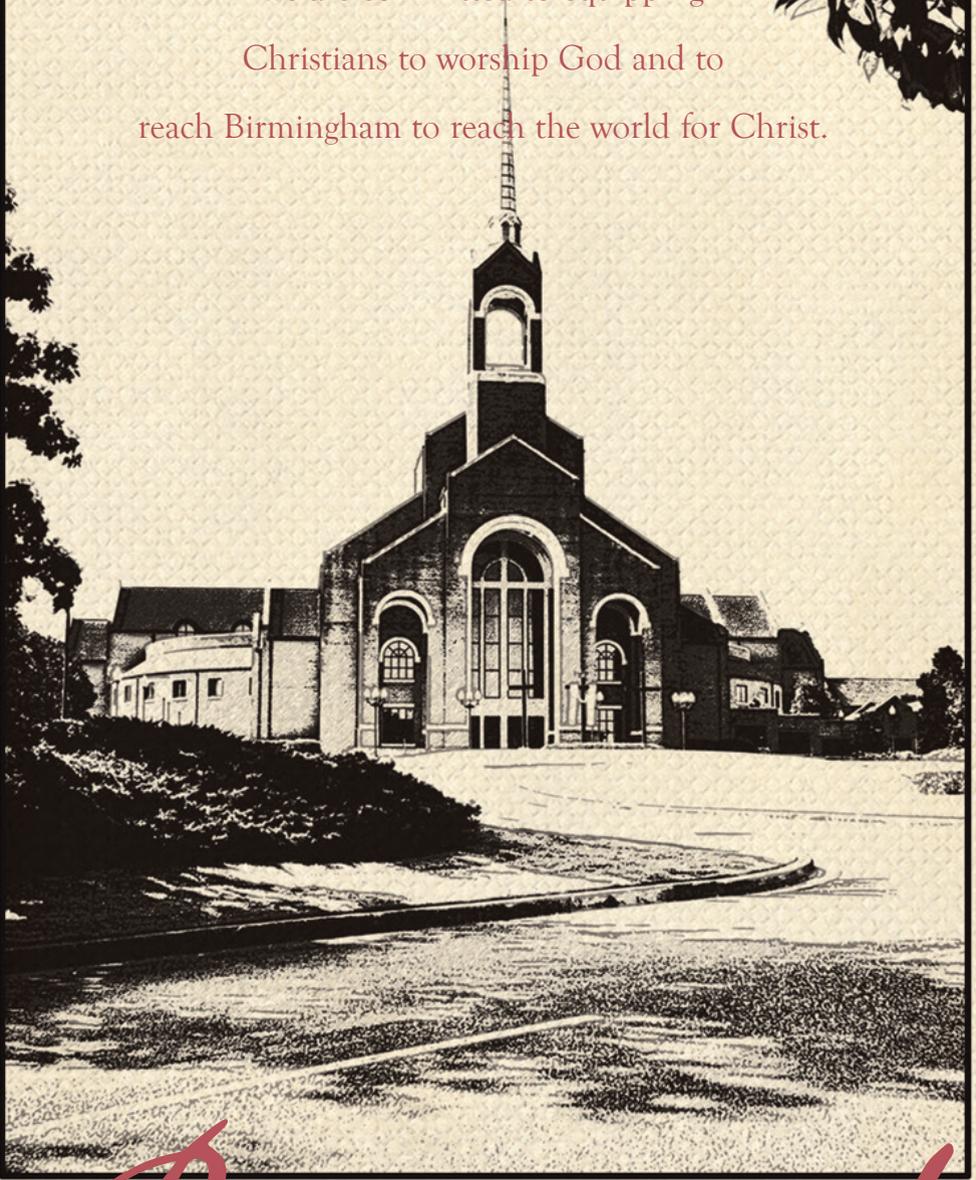


For God's glory,

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 – January 24, 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

Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 40:1, 2

[All:] I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and
set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Runyan)

Sallie White, saxophone

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. We humbly confess our sins to You in these quiet moments before Your throne, and joyfully receive the full pardon offered through our Savior's atoning blood. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"In Christ Alone" (Townend/Getty)

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, What depths of peace, When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

***The Confession of Truth**

I Corinthians 15: 3, 4

[Leader:] *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:*

[All:] **that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...**

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

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

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172

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

"Psalm 34 (Taste and See)" (Rigney/Barnard)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me, And delivered me from every fear.

Those who look on Him are radiant;

They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me

And saved me from my enemies.

The Son of God surrounds His saints;

He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

[Chorus:]

Magnify the Lord with me; Come exalt His name together.

Glorify the Lord with me, Come exalt His name forever.

Taste and see, that the Lord is good;

Oh bless us here, who hides in Him.

Oh fear the Lord, oh all you saints;

He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything. (Chorus)

Let us bless the Lord Every day and night;

Never ending praise, May our incense rise! (Repeat x3) (Chorus x2)

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

"All I Have Is Christ" (Kauflin)

[Chorus:]

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way.

The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will.

And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost,

You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross.

And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place.

You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace. (Chorus)

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see.

The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me. (Chorus x2)

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

Romans 1:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

III. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“Who? Where? When? Whom? What? Why? – Part 3”

Romans 1:1-7

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

“One Day” (Chapman/Bleecker) v. 4

[Solo:]

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!

[All:]

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!

The Postlude

“Rondeau” (Mouret)

* 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.

V. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

“Death—What's Next? – Part 2”

Luke 16

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! *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*
Psalm 91:1, 2

Pray for God's presence to dwell within our homes, our churches and our government.

Pray for Amy Baxter serving with Campus Outreach in Birmingham. Pray as she focuses on mobilizing students by helping them make decisions about next steps after college. Pray the students will transition well and continue walking with God, making an impact in the world. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Join us in person or online for Sunday evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Reeder continues in his series Eternity in Biblical Perspective, *If I Should Die Before I Wake*, with "Death—What's Next? - Part 2" using Luke 16 this Sunday. If you prefer, the livestream is available at briarwood.org/livetv, on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

A reminder that the Briarwood Christian Bookstore and Church Library are both open on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. At other times, call the Bookstore at 205-776-5210, email at bookstore@briarwood.org, or visit at briarwood.org/bookstore. We can either mail your orders to you or provide convenient pickup here at the church.

The Global Missions Conference is just a few weeks away! If you are interested in becoming more involved with Global Missions, please email Heather McDougall at hmcdougall@briarwood.org or call her at 205-776-5279.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Laura Comoglio, Lewis Jones, Jim Shackelford, Miriam McClung, Bill Cunningham

Our love and sympathy to Bob McPherson, DeAnna, Robert, Michelle and Kathryn Morgan and family on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, member Becky McPherson, on Jan. 13; to Bunk, Jeff, Andy, John and David Graves, Morgan Neely and family on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, member Emalee Newbold, on Jan. 13; to Hadden and Karen Smith III and family on the death of their son-in-law, Randy Lynch, on Jan. 13; to Jennifer Smith and family on the death of her father, Colyn Cooper, on Jan. 13; to Angie Burgess and family on the death of her husband, member Chuck Burgess; to Janice Bricker on the death of her daughter, Heather Wolf, on Jan. 14; to Daniel and Pauline Sutton on the death of their daughter, Faith Sutton, on Jan. 17; and to Jim Griffin, Mary Ann, David and Daniel Coggin and Lindsay Hilliard and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Miron Griffin, on Jan. 18.

Announcements

Join a Bible Study! Men of the Covenant and Women of the Covenant studies are now meeting. Go online to briarwood.org/women or briarwood.org/men to see a list of studies and to register.

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.

Support our Sanctity of Life partners by reading about their ministries and volunteering at briarwood.org/lifepartners.

Briarwood Praise Team—Additional singers, as well as players for drums, bass guitar, electric guitar and synthesizer are needed to serve on with the Music and Worship Ministry. Email Ben Lashley at blashley@briarwood.org for more information.

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

BYG and Raiders Wednesday Night—Parent/guardians must sign a waiver for students to participate at briarwood.org/youth. Email Kristin at k.smith@briarwood.org for info.

BYG and Raiders D-Groups resume tonight for 7th–12th graders. Email Kristin at k.smith@briarwood.org for info on these small group Bible studies.

College Monday Night Gatherings begin again 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.

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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.