

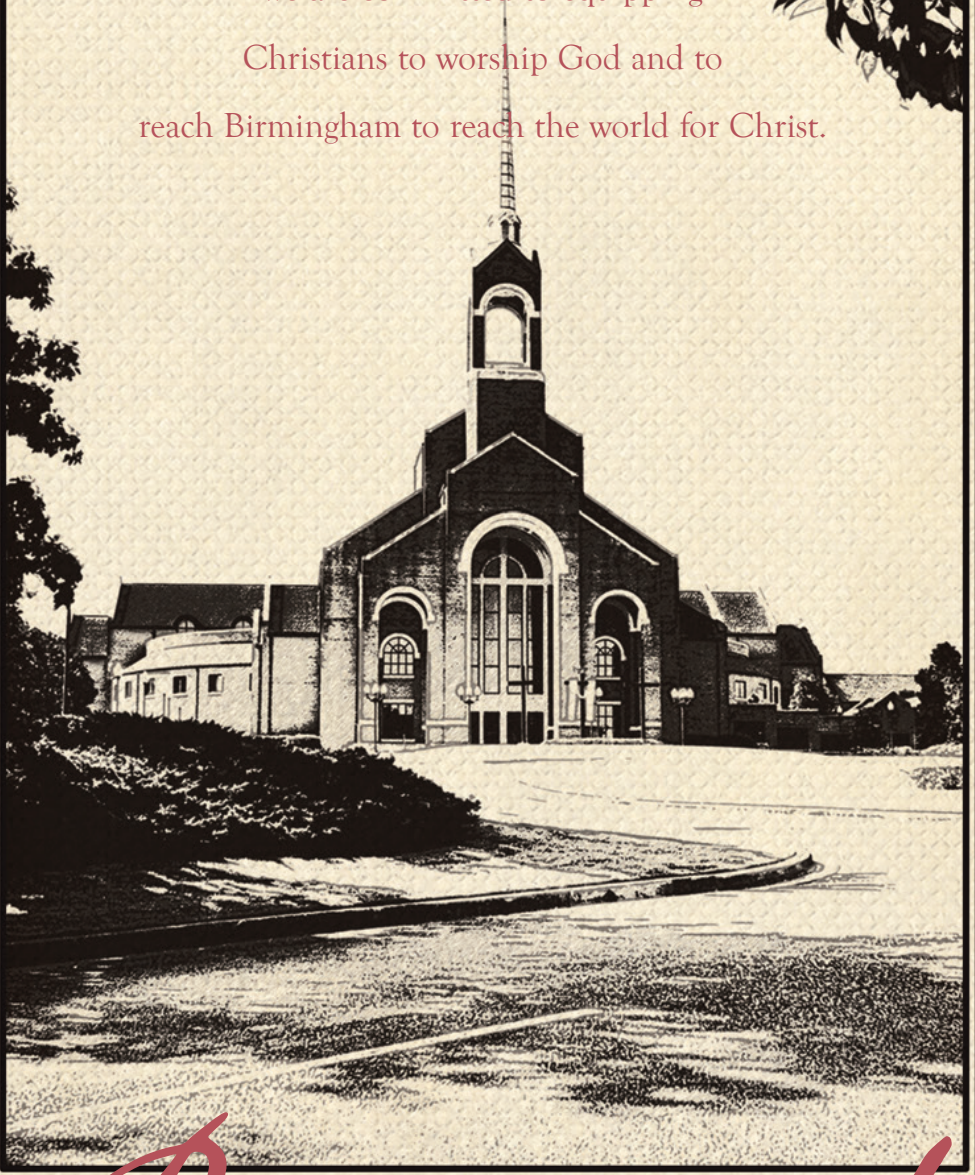


For God's glory,

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 31, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 85:8

[All:] Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “Peace Like a River” (Traditional)

Our great God, Sovereign of the universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, and not only love us with an everlasting love, but redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“Amazing Grace” Hymn 202

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

*The Confession of Truth

John 14:27

[Leader:] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.

[All:] Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

[All:] Thanks be to God!

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 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

"Is He Worthy?" (Peterson)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.) Is a new creation coming? (It is.)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is.)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

[Chorus]:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is!

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does.)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.) (Chorus)

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God To reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

He is! He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is! He is! He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"It Is Well with My Soul" Hymn 493 vv. 1, 4

"Grace Great Than Our Sin" Hymn 201 vv. 1, 4

When peace like a river attendeth my way,

When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

"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:]

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

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

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

[Refrain:]

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? (Refrain 2x)

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

Romans 1:7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

IV. Romans in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of God
"The Benediction"
Romans 1:7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"The Blessing"

[Solo:]

*The Lord bless you and keep you, Make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.*

The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace.

(All: Repeat)

The Postlude

"Ye Servants of God" (Wesley)

* 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.

VI. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

"The Final State: the New Heavens and the New Earth"

Selected Text

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *If My people who are called by My Name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* II Chronicles 7:14

Pray this week for the healing and unity of America and her people.

Pray for the staff and students at Restoration Academy to have wisdom and discernment as they continue to navigate the challenges brought by the pandemic. Pray for the Lord to touch the heart of the students as they are being ministered to through their education. *(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*, “The Final State: the New Heavens and the New Earth” using selected text 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.

Save the date for the Global Missions Conference, February 21–28. 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.

The Children’s GLOW Conference will be interactive for this year’s Global Ministries Conference in February. Our hope is that they would learn about what it means to “Be Found Faithful” as we Take the Gospel to All Nations. All Briarwood members who register their child or grandchild online will receive a box of materials that will interact with our Missions lesson. Register at briarwood.org/children on Wed., Feb. 17. Boxes will be delivered Mon., Feb. 22.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Bill Cunningham, Benny Pleasant, Vangie Thames, Bill Moulton, Herb Rader,

Our love and sympathy to Kate Dale and family on the death of her mother, Mary Elizabeth Dale, on Jan. 16; to Joy, Chris, Hannah, Joshua and Jonathan Blazer and family on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Louise Merelo, on Jan. 22; to the family of member Betsy Bancroft on her death on Jan. 23; and to Tammy, Elyse and Zach Jones and family on the their father and grandfather, Rayford Smith, on Jan. 24.

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 Nights from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Church Gym (7th–12th graders). Join us for skits, games, praise and worship. Email Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

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

College Monday Night Gatherings at the Barn—Join us at 8:00 p.m. 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 opening—Seeking full-time Administrative Assistant to Briarwood's Church Administrator. Task oriented, proficient in Microsoft Office Suite preferred. Submit résumé to Matt Moore, at mmoore@briarwood.org.