

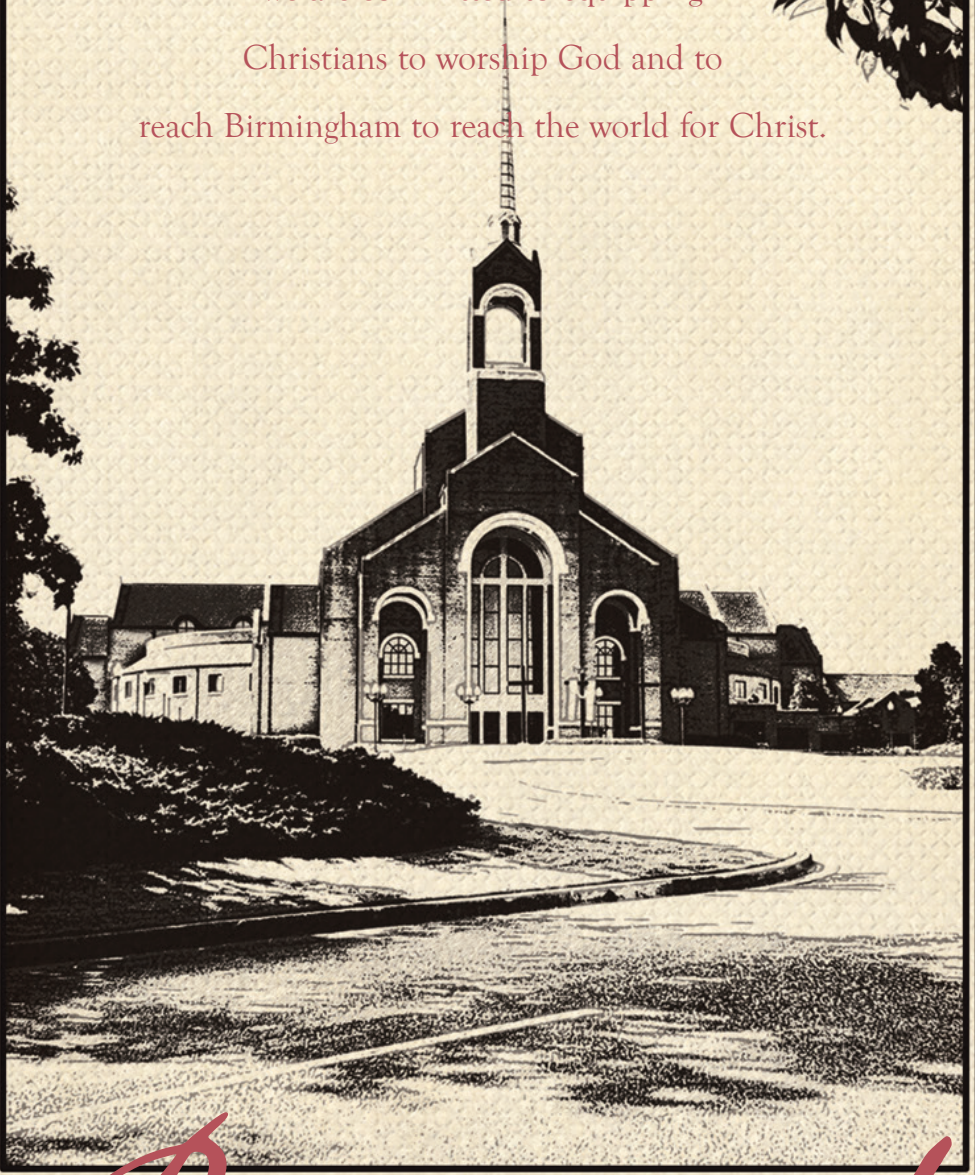


For God's glory,

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 – February 7, 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

I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 102:19, 20

[All:] ...that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die...

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" (Crouch)

Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear me as I come to You, humbly confessing my sins and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken Your holy laws by my deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness. Have mercy upon me and, out of Your great goodness, grant that I may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Jesus Saves" Hymn 306

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to ev'ry land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing, ye islands of the sea; Echo back, ye ocean caves;
Earth shall keep her jubilee: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom, When the heart for mercy craves;
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free, Highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

***The Confession of Truth**

Romans 5:10–11

[Leader:] *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.*

[All:] **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.**

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

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

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

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

“Where Joy and Sorrow Meet” (White)

*There’s a place of quiet stillness ‘tween the light and shadows reach;
Where the hurting and the hopeless seek everlasting peace.
Words of men and songs of angels whisper comfort bittersweet;
Mending grief and life eternal where joy and sorrow meet.*

[Chorus:]

*There is a place where hope remains,
In crowns of thorns and crimson stains,
And tears that fall on Jesus’ feet,
Where joy and sorrow meet.*

*There’s a place the lost surrender and the weary will retreat,
Full of grace and mercy tender in times of unbelief.
For the wounded there is healing, strength is given to the weak;
Broken hearts find love redeeming where joy and sorrow meet. (Chorus)*

*There’s a place of thirst and hunger where the roots of faith grow deep.
And there is rain and rolling thunder when the road is rough and steep.
There is hope in desperation there is victory in defeat;
At the cross of restoration where joy and sorrow meet. (All: Chorus)*

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.
And tears that fall on Jesus’ feet, where joy and sorrow meet.*

***The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs** “His Mercy is More” (Boswell/Papa)

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

[Chorus:]

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus x2)

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

II Corinthians 5:11-21

The Exposition of God's Word

“The Gospel Message and Ministry of Reconciliation”

II Corinthians 5:11-21

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“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

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (Fawcett)

* 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.

VII. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

“The Final State: Hell—the Future and Final State of the Wicked”

Selected Texts

Rev. Benny Parks

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! LORD, *You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.* Psalm 90:1, 2

Pray for the staff and volunteers of the Children's Ministry as they prepare for GLOW (Go Light Our World) Children's Missions Conference Feb. 21-22.

As the new semester begins, pray for our ministry as we seek to serve international students, while also being sensitive to the spread of COVID-19 and UAB's restrictions on campus organizations. Pray that everything we do would be honorable and rooted in love, and that the Lord would grant us fruit. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Register now for your GLOW Box! The GLOW Conference will take place in the Children's Auditorium during Sunday morning (K4-3rd Grade) and Sunday and Monday Evening Services (K4-6th Grade). No registration is required for these in-person meetings. In addition, the Children's Ministry Staff desires to partner with your family by presenting a special interactive Missions lesson for your children during this year's conference. All Briarwood members who register their child or grandchild online will receive a box of materials that will interact with our Missions lesson. The box will include object lessons, crafts, supplies, discussion questions (and even some fun, unexpected items). To ensure receiving this year's GLOW Box, *register online no later than Wed., Feb. 17 at 5:00 p.m.* Boxes will be delivered during the day on Mon., Feb. 22. Register now at briarwood.org/children.

Save the date for the Global Missions Conference, February 21-28. Find all the details for this year's conference at briarwood.org/gmc. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Global Missions, contact Heather McDougall for information at hmcdougall@briarwood.org or at 205-776-5279.

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

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Barbara Pierce, Vangie Thames

Our love and sympathy to Donna, Elijah and Alexandria Moore and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Ann Ray, on Jan. 24; to the family of member Parker Glasgow on his death on Jan. 26; and to Brian, Will, Amy and Caleb Firpo and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Tammy Lynn McClellan, on Jan. 27.

Announcements

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. Or you may make purchases by calling 205-776-5210, emailing bookstore@briarwood.org, or shopping online by going to briarwood.org/webstore. The Bookstore can either mail your orders to you or provide convenient pickup at the church.

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.

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.

Briarwood continues to provide streaming online of our Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. and the evening service at 6:00 p.m. Both morning worship services are available on WLJR-FM 88.5, and you can watch all live services at briarwood.org/livetv, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook and Vimeo.

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.

Additional 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.