

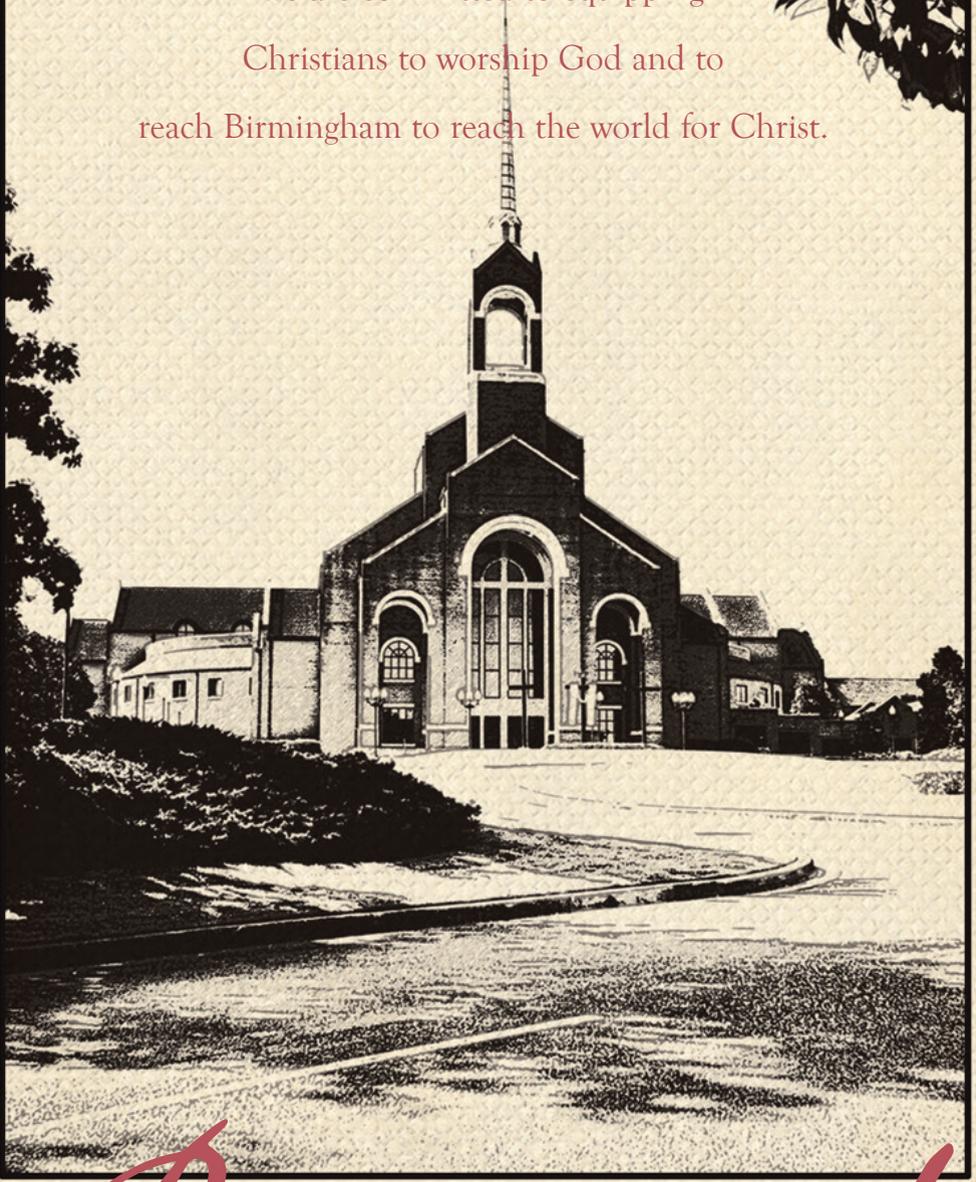


For God's glory,

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

GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2021

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – February 21, 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

Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are of Israel's fountain! Psalm 68:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 86:5-6

[All:] For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Facing a Task Unfinished" (Getty)

Elizabeth Jordan, soloist

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"May the Peoples Praise You" (Getty/Townend)

You have called us out of darkest night, Into Your glorious light,

That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife

With boundless love and deepest joy, With endless life.

[Chorus:]

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes That we may praise, May praise the Name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, To make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word. (Chorus)

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaims. (Chorus)

Holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.
Holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious Name! (Chorus x2)

***The Confession of Truth**

Matthew 28:16-20

[Leader:] *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.*

[All:] **And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.**

[Leader:] *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.*

[All:] **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

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

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

The Global Ministry Partners

The Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

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 Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

"Jesus Saves" (Cotrell)

[Praise Team:]

*Freedom's calling, chains are falling, Hope is dawning bright and true;
Day is breaking, night is quaking, God is making all things new. Jesus saves!*

*Hear the heart of heaven beating, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!
And the hush of mercy breathing, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!
Hear the host of angels sing, Glory to the Newborn King;
And the sounding joy repeating, Jesus saves!*

[All:]

See the humblest hearts adore Him, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!
And the wisest bow before Him, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!
See the sky alive with praise, Melting darkness in its place;
There is life forevermore, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!

He will live our sorrow sharing, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!

He will die our burden bearing Jesus saves, Jesus saves!

"It is done!" will shout the cross, Christ has paid redemption's cost!

While the empty tomb's declaring Jesus saves!

*Freedom's calling, chains are falling, Hope is dawning bright and true;
Day is breaking, night is quaking, God is making all things new. Jesus saves!*

Oh to grace, how great a debtor! Jesus saves, Jesus saves!
All the saints who shout together, “I know that Jesus saves.”
Rising us so vast and strong lifting up salvation’s song?
The redeemed will sing forever, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!
Rising us so vast and strong lifting up salvation’s song,
The redeemed will sing forever,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Acts 16:6–40

The Exposition of God’s Word

Dr. John Currie

I. Global Ministries Conference 2021

The Gospel to the Nations

“Faithful to the Gospel Vision”

Acts 16:6–40

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:143

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” Hymn 296 v. 1

We’ve a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ’s great kingdom shall come to earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

The Postlude

“Go Tell Your World” (Fox)

* 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.

II. Global Ministries Conference 2021

The Gospel to the Nations

“Faithful to the Gospel Message”

Philippians 3:8–11

Dr. John Currie

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. *To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!* Psalm 123:1

Pray for this week's Global Ministry Conference speaker, Dr. John Currie from Westminster Theological Seminary, as he seeks God's direction in his teaching in our services and then travels home.

Ask the Lord to prepare our church members to hear Him calling from the Word of God preached by Dr. John Currie, and from our missionaries this week. Pray members will be challenged to connect with the missionaries to pray for them and to participate in the Faith Promise.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Find out how you can take part in-person or virtually in our Global Ministries Conference at briarwood.org/gmc. Here you'll find the complete Conference schedule, links for all Zoom sessions, and details on each of our Ministry Partners participating in the Conference.

Join the Men of the Covenant Mon., Feb. 22 to hear a missionary presentation via Zoom during the 6:30 a.m. Bible study. Go to briarwood.org/men for the Zoom link.

Grab your cup of coffee and join the Women's Missionary "coffee" Zoom on Tues., Feb. 23 at 10:00 a.m. We will hear from two missionary women serving in Indonesia and Haiti as they share about what the Lord is doing in their particular communities and how we can support and pray for them. We will then have an opportunity to pray together during our gathered Zoom time. Go to briarwood.org/women for the zoom link.

Pray for your Faith Promise pledge, coming next Sun., Feb. 28. You will be able to submit your Faith Promise in-person at next Sunday's services, by mail to the church, by email to faithpromise@briarwood.org, and online at briarwood.org/faithpromise.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Frank Barker III, Harvey 'Hoppy' Bishop, Murdoch McRae, Barbara Pierce, John Schoppert, Diane Davis

We rejoice with Erik and Monica Futral on the birth of their son, Oliver Blake, on Feb. 15 and with grandmother Becky Richburg.

Our love and sympathy to Karen, Will, Mary Beth and Caroline Carlisle, Karla and Jake Stephens and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Keith Duncan, on Feb. 11; and to Jennifer Calhoun and family on the death of her grandmother, member Donna Lummus, on Feb. 16.

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.

College Monday Night Gatherings at the Barn—All College students and the Graduates and Careers class will meet in the Worship Center at 8:15 p.m. following the evening worship service for a missions deployment panel discussion and missionary prayer service. Come learn how God called them into missions and be challenged with the calling to serve Christ on cross-cultural mission.

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. Contact Ben Lashley at blashley@briarwood.org for more 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.

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/livety, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at briarwood.org/archivety, 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.

Submit your questions for future *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* by email to askthepastor@briarwood.org. The program archives are available to watch anytime at briarwood.org/conversations, the Briarwood PCA App, on Facebook, Vimeo, and AppleTV. Read Pastor Reeder's latest Pastoral Letter at briarwood.org/pastorsblog.

Job opportunities are currently available with several Briarwood ministries, both full and part-time. See the listing at briarwood.org/employment with details on the positions as well as how to apply.