

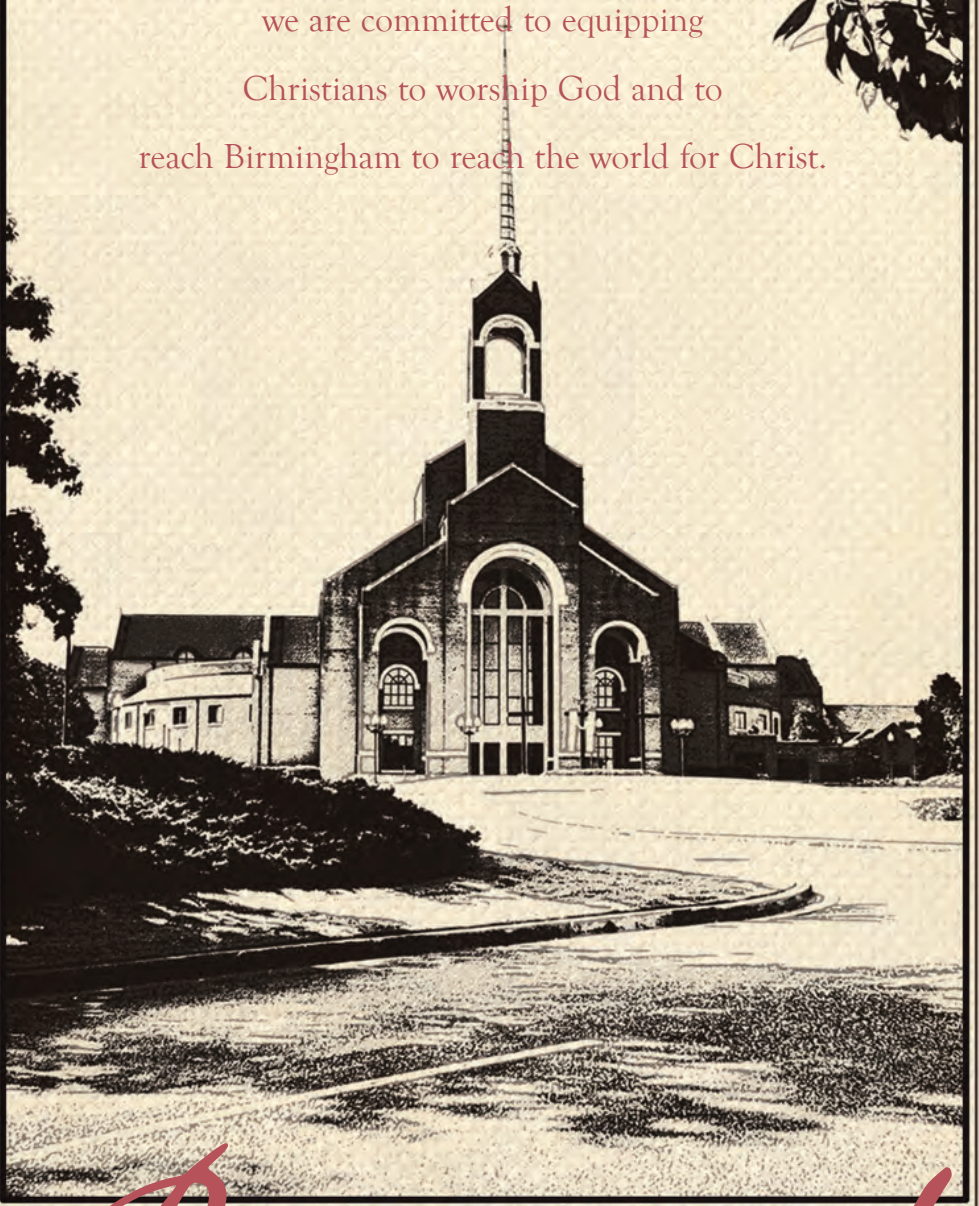


*For God's glory,*

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

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## GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2021

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – February 28, 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

#### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 117:1-2

[All:] Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

#### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*“For the Cause”* (Getty/Townend)

Ben Lashley, soloist

*O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my Substitute, and His righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, returning home a prodigal, crying, Father, forgive me, and You always bringing forth the best robe. May I never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the vast righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, and the exceeding wonder of grace.* from *The Valley of Vision*

#### The Invocation

#### The Gospel Word of Salvation

#### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

#### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*“Across the Lands”* (Getty/Townend)

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began;  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

[Chorus:]

You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost—  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free! (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, Wrestling vict'ry from the grave—  
And ascended into Heaven, Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation—You are leading sinners home! (Chorus x2)

**\*The Confession of Truth** Luke 24:45-49

[Leader:] *Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them,*

[All:] “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

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

**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

*“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” Revelation 5:13b*

**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**

*“Breath and Clay” (Neale)  
Darryl Stracner, soloist*

[Praise Team:]

*Who understood our fragile state? Only Jesus.*

*Who came to us in breath and clay? Only Jesus.*

*Who took no other as a king? Only Jesus.*

*Who walked His love out on our streets? Only Jesus.*

*Who guides the wind and tames the sea? Only Jesus.*

*Whose very name makes demons flee? Only Jesus.*

*Who raised the lame to dance again? Only Jesus.*

*Who sees our shame yet won't condemn? Only Jesus.*

[Chorus:]

*The Way, the Truth, The Breath of life; The Lamb of God Our El Shaddai;  
One name shall rise on ev'ry tongue. Only Jesus, only Jesus.*

*Who knew that death would be the cost? Only Jesus.*

*Who traded heaven for the cross? Only Jesus.*

*Who bears the scars that set us free? Only Jesus.*

*Who gave it all for victory? Only Jesus. (Chorus)*

*Who came awake inside the tomb? Only Jesus.*

*Who shattered death to make us new? Only Jesus.*

[All:]

Who shall return through eastern skies? Only Jesus.  
Who shall forever reign on high? Only Jesus. (Chorus x2)

One name shall rise on ev'ry tongue; Only Jesus.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16–20

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

IV. Global Ministries Conference 2021

*Mission in Biblical Perspective—Found Faithful*

“Our Stewardship of the Mission, Message and Ministry of World Missions”

Matthew 28:16–20

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

The Reception of Faith Promise Pledges      “Lift High the Cross” Hymn 304 vv. 1, 3, 5  
[Chorus:]

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Chorus)

O Lord, once lifted on this glorious Tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee. (Chorus)

For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,  
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne. (Chorus)

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation      “To God Be the Glory” Hymn 66 v.1

To God be the glory—great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

The Postlude

“Blessed Assurance” (Crosby)

\* 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](http://briarwood.org/livetv), on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv).

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# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.* Psalm 81:1, 2

Pray for nations throughout the earth to come to Jesus. Praise His Name forever!

Pray that all members of the congregation will gain an increased understanding about participation in the Faith Promise and that each will prayerfully choose to be a part of reaching the world for Christ through our missionaries. Pray God will cause us to trust Him to enable us to pledge and give as He provides.

*“Continue steadfastly in prayer...”* Colossians 4:2a

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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### Faith Promise

Briarwood includes in our Global Ministry Conferences the opportunity for our members to respond to what they have seen and heard by sacrificially investing in missionary work around the world. We have adopted the Faith Promise as our process for making a pledge to give a specified amount, trusting by faith that God will provide the resources systematically, sacrificially and/or supernaturally. As you have engaged in our Missions Conference this week, we hope you have spent time praying and seeking God’s will for what He would have you promise by faith.

This year, there are four ways to make your Faith Promise pledge:

- 1) Turn your Faith Promise card in during today’s services.
- 2) Send your completed Faith Promise card by mail to Briarwood.
- 3) Email [faithpromise@briarwood.org](mailto:faithpromise@briarwood.org) with your commitment.
- 4) Complete your pledge online at [briarwood.org/faithpromise](http://briarwood.org/faithpromise).

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Dale Keller, Murdoch McRae, Barbara Pierce, John Schoppert, Ellen Fox, Hadden Smith III, Lamar Thomas

We rejoice with Mike and Sarah Stewart on the birth of their daughter, Brighton Anne, on Feb. 10.

Our love and sympathy to Jan Atwater and family on the death of her mother, Eva Lee Lawson, on Feb. 18; and to Judy Davis, Laura Loggins and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Nancy Charles Jones, on Feb. 21.

# Announcements

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**Children's Missions Conference**—Come tonight for the final night of GLOW at 6:00 p.m. in the Children's Auditorium.

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](mailto:bookstore@briarwood.org), or shopping online by going to [briarwood.org/webstore](http://briarwood.org/webstore). The Bookstore can either mail your orders to you or provide convenient pickup at the church.

**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](mailto:blashley@briarwood.org) for more information.

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

**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](mailto:k.smith@briarwood.org).

**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](mailto:mbunn@briarwood.org) or Jenna Viets at [jviets@briarwood.org](mailto: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](mailto: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/livetyv](http://briarwood.org/livetyv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetyv](http://briarwood.org/archivetyv), 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](mailto: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](mailto:askthepastor@briarwood.org). The program archives are available to watch anytime at [briarwood.org/conversations](http://briarwood.org/conversations), the Briarwood PCA App, on Facebook, Vimeo, and AppleTV. Read Pastor Reeder's latest Pastoral Letter at [briarwood.org/pastorsblog](http://briarwood.org/pastorsblog).

**Job opportunities** are currently available with several Briarwood ministries. See the listing at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment) with details on the positions as well as how to apply.