

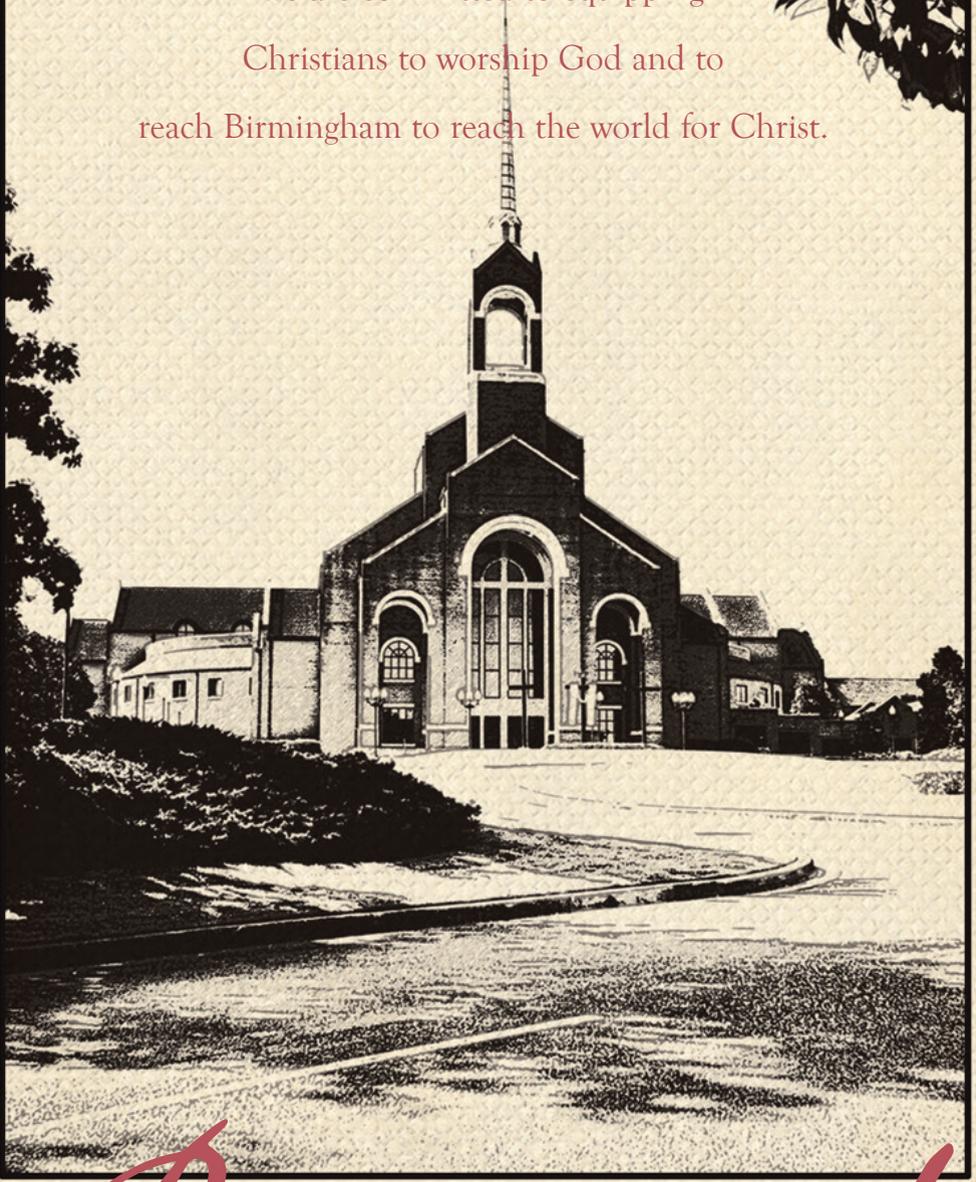


*For God's glory,*

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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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – March 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

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44*

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

Psalm 62:1, 2

[All:] For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be  
greatly shaken.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"All the People Who On Earth Do Dwell"* (arr. Christopher)

*Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, O Lord, with heart-felt repentance I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I by faith receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"And Can It Be?"* Hymn 203

And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

[Chorus:]

Amazing love! How can it be That  
Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself, of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free! For, O my God, it found out me! (Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray: I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. (Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown,  
through Christ my own. (Chorus)

## \*The Confession of Truth

I Corinthians 15:1-6

[Leader:] *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved,*

[All:] **if you hold fast to the Word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.**

[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:] *and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

[All:] **Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.**

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

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

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a*

### 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

*"O Praise the Name" (Sampson/Hastings/Ussher)*

[Praise Team:]

*I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet; My Savior on that cursed tree.*

[Men:]

His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.

[All-Chorus:]

O praise the Name of the Lord our God, O praise His Name forever more.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. (Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing Son shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (Chorus x2)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God; Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

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

*"Behold Our God" · "Amazing Grace"*

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice.

[Chorus:]

Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King—nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man;  
God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. (Chorus)

[Men:] You will reign forever.  
[Women:] Let Your glory fill the earth! (x4) (Chorus x2)

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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.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 1:16-17

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

VI. Romans in Biblical Perspective  
*The Gospel of God*  
"Five Essentials in the Gospel of God"  
Romans 1:16-17

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

"Jesus Saves" Hymn 306 v. 1

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!

The Postlude

"O God Beyond All Praising" (Holst)

\* 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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## EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

VIII. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

*If I Should Die Before I Wake...*

"Christ's Return According to Christ"

Matthew 24  
Pastor Reeder

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!* Psalm 66:1, 2

Continue to pray for our missionaries as they serve our Lord. Pray for their families; for their safety and good health.

Praise the Lord for Fanning the Flame Coach, Richard Verreyne, serving in South Africa. Pray for Richard and his team as they meet with pastors this month. May the Lord give guidance and wisdom as the churches implement ten biblical strategies of revitalization. (*The flag of South Africa is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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If you missed some of the 2021 Global Ministries Conference, please head to the website where the messages of the conference are available. Also, you can find information regarding the Global, National, and Urban Missions teams. There are many ways for you and your family to participate in missions here and around the world. Start at [briarwood.org/missions](http://briarwood.org/missions).

We are grateful to the Lord for the strong giving on the first Sunday for Faith Promise. If you have not had an opportunity to give to Faith Promise, it is not too late! Prayerfully consider how you can participate with what God is doing through Briarwood around the globe! This year, there are four ways to make your Faith Promise pledge:

- 1) Put your Faith Promise card in one of the boxes around the Worship Center exits 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).

Please continue bringing non-perishable foods for the Community Food Drive by dropping off donations to the marked trailer located in Parking Lot-B, 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.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Frank Barker III, Lon Evans, Murdoch McRae, Barbara Pierce, John Schoppert, Lamar Thomas

We rejoice with Landon and Rebekah McKee on the birth of their son, Mack Benjamin, on Mar. 2.

Our love and sympathy to Opal Oaks and family on the death of her sister, Olice Odell Headley, on Feb. 19; to Barry, Leah, Sarah, Abigail and Walker Stephenson and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Ken Stephenson, on Feb. 23; and to Carter Slappey and family on the death of his mother, Alice Carter Slappey, on Feb. 23.

# Announcements

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**Faith in the Public Square: Persuading the Next Generation**—A one-day seminar presented by Westminster Theological Seminary Sat., Mar. 13 in Bonita Springs, Florida. Peter Lillback, John Stonestreet and Pastor Reeder are among the speakers. Come learn what it takes to persuade the younger generation of the truth of Christianity in today's cultural and political climate. Go to [briarwood.org/conferences](http://briarwood.org/conferences) for details and tickets.

**Children's Communicants Class Parent Meeting**—Wed., Mar. 17. Classes for children grades 4-6 will be offered on two consecutive Wednesday nights in April with these students joining in May. Pray and discuss with your child about becoming a communing member of the church. Email Page Dollar to sign up your child or with questions at [pdollar@briarwood.org](mailto:pdollar@briarwood.org).

**Easter Lily Dedication**—Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday. Order online at [briarwood.org/lily](http://briarwood.org/lily) or drop by the Membership Office (A101). We must have your order by Mar. 21!

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.

**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/livety](http://briarwood.org/livety), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at [briarwood.org/archivety](http://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](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.

**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.