

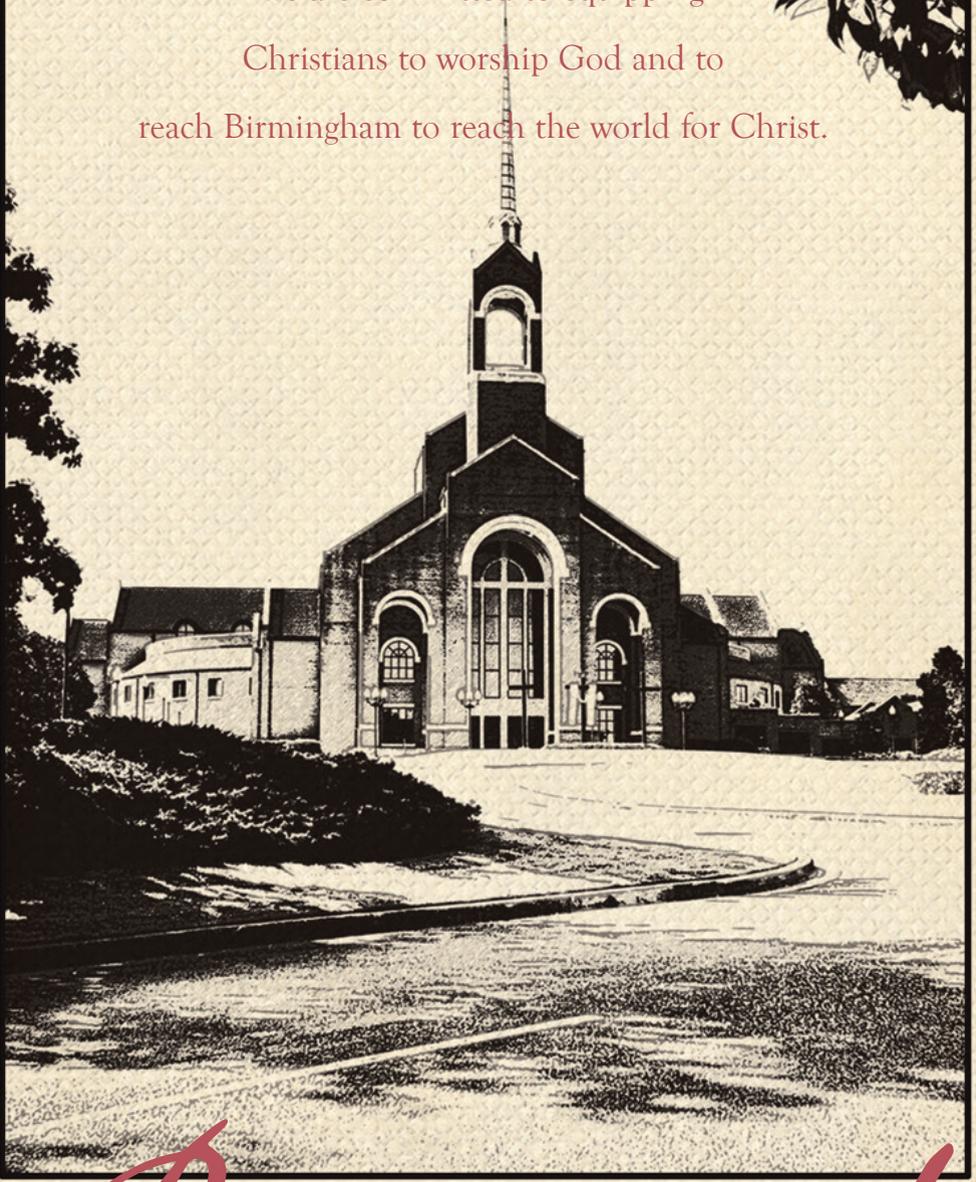


For God's glory,

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 – March 14, 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

For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 103:19

[All:] The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“The Gift of Love” (arr. Dunn)

Instrumental Ensemble

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Hymn of Ascents

“O Worship the King” Hymn 10 vv. 1, 2, 4

O worship the King, All glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

[All:] The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

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

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1 Timothy 2:1

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:1

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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 and Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Man of Sorrows" (Crocker/Ligertwood)

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,
By His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid.
Silent as He stood accused,
Beaten, mocked and scorned.
Bowing to the Father's will,
He took a crown of thorns.

[Chorus:]

Oh, that rugged cross, My salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah,
Praise and honor unto Thee.

Sent of heaven, God's own Son
To purchase and redeem.
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree. (Chorus)

See the stone is rolled away,
Behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised,
He's risen from the grave. (Chorus)

Praise and honor unto Thee.

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

Romans 1:18–32

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

VII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“Three Divine Judgments and the Death Spiral
in a Cultural Celebration of Idolatry—Part I”

Romans 1:18–32

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn 234 v.1

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon His throne:

Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns

All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing

Of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless

King Through all eternity.

The Postlude

“We Are God’s People” (Brahms)

* 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.

IX. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

“The Final Judgment”

Revelation 20:11–15

Pastor Reeder

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! *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Psalm 91:1, 2

Pray for our missionaries as they serve God in their homelands and that we will meet and exceed our "Hallelujah" Faith Promise goal.

Pray for internationals involved in English outreach, that they would grow in their language skills for their lives here, and they would sense God's love and truth in their teachers and classes. Ask God to create Gospel interest in those who do not yet know Him, and pray those reading the Bible would have eyes to see and ears to hear. *(The flag of Taiwan is featured in today's worship service.)*

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

In order to facilitate services of Divine Worship for all who desire to attend in person, reservations will be required for the April 1 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service as well as the five worship services on Easter Sunday at 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please register for the service(s) you desire to attend, and also for the Children's Worship and Nursery. All registrations will open at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 15 at briarwood.org/easter. All services will also be available via livestream.

Dedicate an Easter Lily today! Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday by ordering online at briarwood.org/lily or dropping by the Membership Office (A101). We must have your order by Mar. 21!

Pray and discuss with your child about becoming a communing member of the church. The Children's Communicants Class Parent Meeting will be 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. Email Page Dollar to sign up your child or with questions at pdollar@briarwood.org.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Robert Dennis, Jason Ellerbee, Sandy Gority, Murdoch McRae, Barbara Pierce, John Schoppert

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Lon Evans on his death on Mar. 2; Peggy Parrish and family on the death of her husband, member Jim Parrish, on Mar. 4; to Carole Thomas and family on the death of her husband, member Lamar Thomas, on Mar. 5; to Marie Calhoun and family on the death of her mother, Annette Preston, on Mar. 7; and to Ruth Radbill and family on the death of her mother, member Jeanette Donaldson, on Mar. 9.

Announcements

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. Also available on livestream. Go to briarwood.org/conferences for details and tickets.

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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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Job opportunities are currently available with several Briarwood ministries. See the listing at briarwood.org/employment with details on the positions as well as how to apply.