

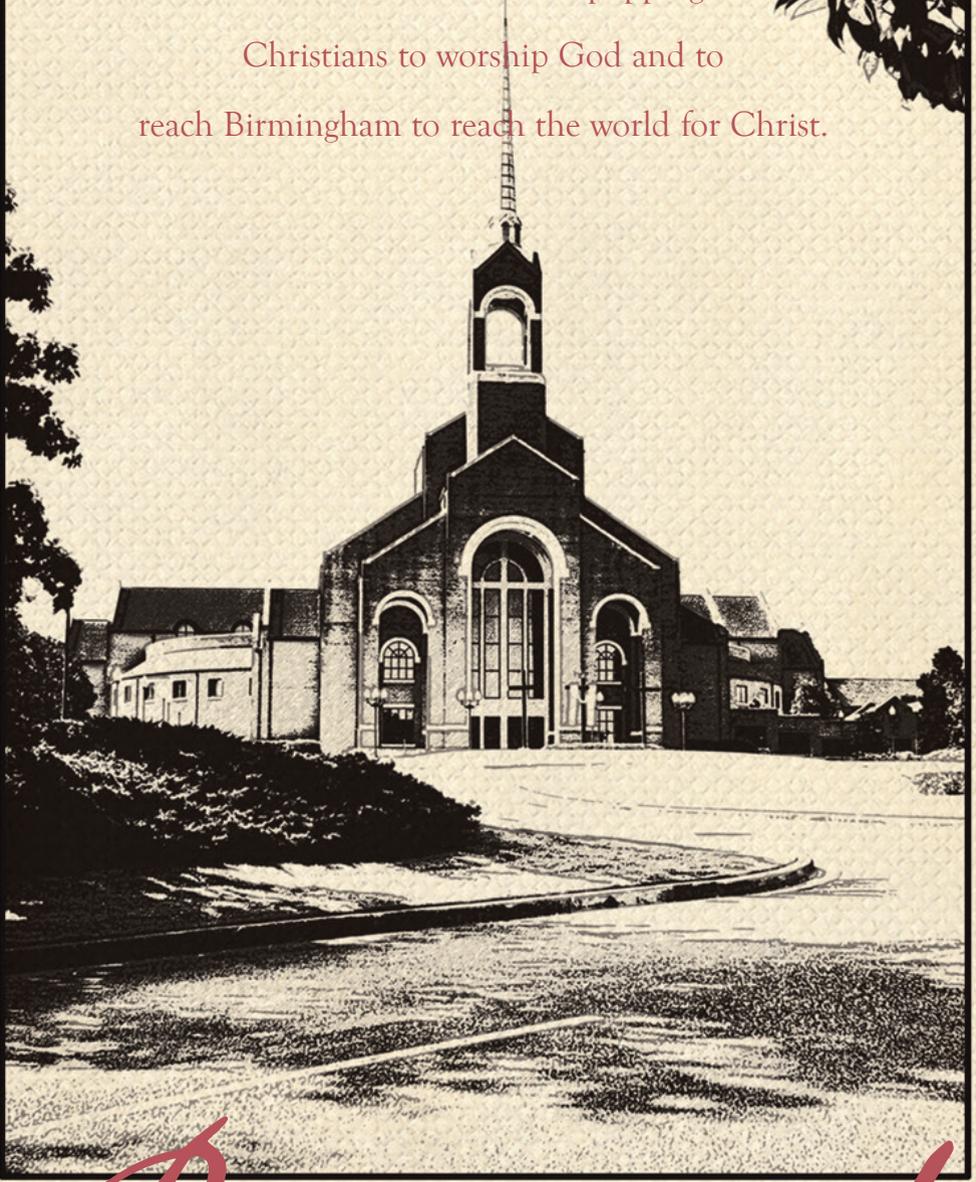


For God's glory,

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

PALM SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – March 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

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 118:26

[All:] Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you
from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and He has made
His light to shine upon us.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" (arr. Haines)

Briarwood Ensemble

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good
and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the
presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord
Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You
now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in
Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the
praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Children's Palm Processional

"Jesus Loves Me" (Warner/Bradbury)

Cindy Reeder, soloist

*Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.*

[Refrain:]

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. (Refrain)*

*Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see. (Refrain)*

The Hymn of Ascents

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn 234

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.

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond’ring eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o’er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv’n From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days Adored and magnified.

*The Confession of Truth

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:9, 10

[Leader:] Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble
and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

[All:] Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that
the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD
of hosts, He is the King of glory!

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great
in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6*

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 Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs “Living Hope” (Johnson/Wickham)

How great the chasm that lay between us;
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your Name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope; God, You are my Living Hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken: I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

[Chorus:]

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your Name;
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory! (Chorus x2)

Jesus Christ, my Living Hope; God,
You are my Living Hope.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,
to exhortation, to teaching. 1 Timothy 4:13*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

John 12:12-19

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

I. Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

Eight Days of Grace to Glory

"The Week that Changed the World—Day One, Palm Sunday"

John 12:12-19

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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 228 v. 1

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Postlude

* 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. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"* Matthew 21:9

Pray for a great awakening through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for ears to hear and eyes to see and hearts to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pray for our team of Briarwood members as we seek to minister to the many international students and families living in Birmingham. Pray that the Lord would fill us with His love, that we might faithfully serve, welcome, and witness to each person and community to whom the Lord leads us. *(The flag of South Korea is featured in today's worship service.)*

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

To assist you in your walk with the Lord during the Week of Passion, Briarwood will provide a Holy Week Devotional Guide that will be delivered daily through the BriarwoodPCA App, and also be available on the website at briarwood.org/holyweek. Be sure you allow push notifications on the app to be sure you receive the daily devotions.

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. The Good Friday service at noon does not require reservations. All services will also be available via livestream.

Please let us know if you will not be able to attend a service for which you have reservations to free the space for others. Email lreese@briarwood.org for adults, rmacoy@briarwood.org for children and acraig@briarwood.org for Nursery.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Murdoch McRae, Barbara Pierce, Betsy Ryan, John Schoppert, Ben Willson, Frank Wright, Shirley Tamblyn, Diane Parker

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Bill Dumas on his death on March 22; to Cathe and Caleb Cleveland and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Donna Trewitt, on Mar. 18; to the family of member Betsy Pless on her death on Mar. 18; to Peggy and Thomas Smitherman and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Mary Frances Crawford, on Mar. 19; and to Michele and Luke Cunningham and family on the death of their husband and father, member Bill Cunningham, on Mar. 19.

Announcements

Palm Sunday Triumphant Entry—K4-3rd grade are invited to process down the aisles waving palm branches during the worship services. Please have your child *in the Church Foyer 15 minutes prior to the service* to lined up in the hallway near the restrooms. Children will not be singing a song this year, but will instead walk straight to Children's Worship.

Children's Worship will be provided for all Holy Week services except Good Friday. When reserving your space for the worship service of your choice, please be sure and reserve your child(ren) space by clicking the link at briarwood.org/easter.

The Briarwood Nursery will provide childcare for all Holy Week services, with reservations. When reserving your space for the worship service of your choice, please be sure and reserve your child(ren) nursery space by clicking the link at briarwood.org/easter or going to briarwood.org/nursery.

Calling all BYG and College Graduating Seniors! To effectively minister and recognize your senior it is critically important that you take a moment to visit the website and fill out the information form by Mon., Apr. 26. High school seniors go to briarwood.org/seniors. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

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.

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.

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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: Church Revitalization, National and Urban Ministries Admin. A talented and detailed leader is needed to manage the administration responsibilities of these important Briarwood Missions Ministries. The candidate for this 29-hour per week position must be a Briarwood church member. Abilities needed include proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, financial record keeping, database management and pastoral support. Send resume or email inquiries to Heather McDougall at hmcdougall@briarwood.org.

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.