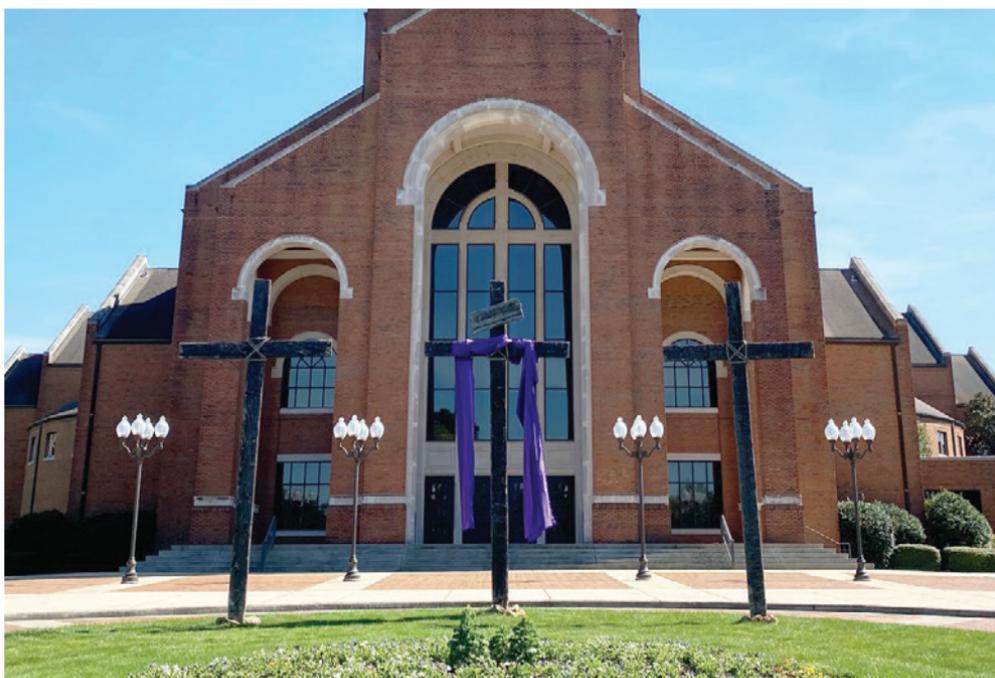


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# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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## MEANING OF THE CROSSES

THREE CROSSES have been placed in front of the church with appropriate draping on the Christ cross.

THE PURPLE drape, leading up to Good Friday, represents the royalty of Christ.

THE BLACK drape, used on Good Friday and Saturday, represents the death and burial of Christ.

THE WHITE drape of Easter Sunday will declare the triumph of the resurrected Lord.

THE WHITE DRAPE AND THE CROSSES will remain in place until Ascension Sunday, marking the end of Christ's 40-day post-resurrection ministry.



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# GOOD FRIDAY

Join us in person or online  
Friday, April 2 at noon  
for a Service of Reflection and Meditation  
on the Cross.

In seven narratives, we will walk with  
Jesus from Gethsemane to the tomb  
in the Word and in song.

Available at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv) and on Facebook,  
Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App.

# HOLY WEEK

## **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7:00 p.m. service of Communion

(Reservations required at [briarwood.org/easter](http://briarwood.org/easter))

## **Good Friday, April 2**

Noon Service of Reflection on the Cross

## **Resurrection Sabbath**

6:30, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Worship Services

(Reservations required at [briarwood.org/easter](http://briarwood.org/easter))

At this time, space remains in the

**6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Easter Sunday services.**

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](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org) for adults, [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) for children and [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) for Nursery.

**Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter 8:00, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. services will be available online.**

Nursery and Children's Worship will be provided for all Holy Week services except Good Friday for children. Please be sure and reserve your child(ren) space by clicking the link at [briarwood.org/easter](http://briarwood.org/easter), and Nursery space at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

## **Storm Response**

The Disaster Relief Fund is now open to assist those who have experienced storm damage. To assist in work projects, please contact Chris Thompson at [cthompson@briarwood.org](mailto:cthompson@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5239.



Thank you for your continued support of our Community Food Drive, now also assisting those who have experienced storm losses. Place your nonperishables in the trailer at Parking Lot B (near the Altadena House) Sundays from 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

## *Today* In Perspective

Every Monday–Friday Pastor Reeder takes 10 minutes to examine current events through the lens of Scripture.

Listen on iTunes, the BriarwoodPCA App, at [briarwood.org/inperspective](http://briarwood.org/inperspective), or on WLJR radio at 5:48 a.m., 1:00, 5:15 and 9:00 p.m.



# Celebration of Worship

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## RESURRECTION SABBATH

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – April 4, 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 where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 16: 10-11

[All:] For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death” (Getty)*

[Solo:]

*What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.*

*What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.*

*Who holds our days within his hand?*

*What comes, apart from His command?*

*And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.*

[All:] [Chorus:]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus x2)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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*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 Hymn of Resurrection

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (Rutter)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels sa: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Foll’wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

### \*The Confession of Truth

The Apostles’ Creed

[Leader:] *Christians, what do you believe?*

[All:] I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. \*universal

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

*The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a*

### 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

“Yahweh!” (Stefanovich)

Briarwood Adult Choir, Ensemble and Orchestra

*Yahweh, Jesus is coming In a manger, our Lord is coming.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is coming, Born in Bethlehem, born in Bethlehem.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is teaching In the temple, our Lord is teaching.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is teaching, No one speaks like Him, no one speaks like Him.*

*Hosanna! He comes in the form of a man; Jehovah, the great God of Abraham.*

*He lived just to die for our sins, Yahweh, for we sing:*

*Yahweh, Jesus is praying In the garden, our Lord is praying.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is praying: “Let this pass from me, let this pass from me.”*

*Yahweh, Jesus is dying On the cross there, our Lord is dying.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is dying, Dying for our sins, dying for our sins.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is buried In a rich man’s tomb, He is buried.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is buried But He will not stay; no, He will not stay.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is buried In a rich man’s tomb, He is buried.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is buried But He will not stay; no, He will not stay.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is rising, Our Lord is rising From the grave there, Our Lord is rising.*

*Yahweh, Jesus is rising Now He lives again. Yes, He lives again!*

*Hosanna! He comes in the form of a man; Jehovah, the great God of Abraham.  
He lived just to die for our sins. He rose from the grave and lives again.  
He rose from the grave, He lives again. He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
He lives again, Our Lord lives again!*

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

*“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed” (Cash/Getty)*

*[Praise Team:]*

*How can it be, the One who died Has born our sin through sacrifice,  
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah!*

*[All:]*

*For joy awakes as dawning light, When Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King! Christ, Christ, He is risen.*

*[Chorus:]*

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed, “Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.”*

*The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to pow’rfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go tell of His goodness! (Chorus x2)*

*[Leader:] He is risen! He’s alive, [All:] He’s alive,*

*[Leader:] He’s alive! [All:] He’s alive, Heaven’s gates are opened wide!*

*[Leader:] He’s alive! [All:] He’s alive,*

*[Leader:] He’s alive! [All:] He’s alive, now in Heaven glorified! (Repeat)*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD**

*And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*†The New Testament Reading**

John 20:1-18

**The Exposition of God’s Word**

Pastor Reeder

III. Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

*Eight Days of Grace to Glory*

*“The Crowded Empty Tomb”*

John 20:1-18

**THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

*“The Day of Resurrection” Hymn 226 v. 1*

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;*

*The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.*

*From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,*

*Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

**The Postlude**

*“Easter Song” (Herring)*

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

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