

Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



For God's glory

We are committed to equipping

Christians to worship God

and to reach Birmingham

to reach the world for Christ



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – April 11, 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

'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 103:11, 12

[All:] For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Healer of My Heart" (Robinson)

Lord God Almighty, You have made known to me that my salvation is Christ's work, but to cleave to Him by faith is my work, and with this faith is the necessity of my daily repentance as a mourning for the sin which Christ by grace has removed. Continue, O God, to teach me that faith apprehends Christ's righteousness not only for the satisfaction of justice, but as unspotted evidence of Your love to me. Help me to make use of His work of salvation as the ground of peace, and of Your favor to, and acceptance of me the sinner, so that I may live always near the cross.

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The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Welcoming of New Members (11:00)

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"We Come, O Christ to You" Hymn 117 vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

*We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,
by Whom all things consist, in Whom all life began:
In You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.*

*You are the way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, Your love has met Your law's demand.*

*You only are true Life, To know You is to live
The more abundant life That earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in You, in us each day Your life renew!*

*We worship You, Lord Christ, Our Savior and our King,
To You our youth and strength Adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You!*

***The Confession of Truth**

Psalm 32:1-5

[Leader:] *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

[All:] **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

[Leader:] *For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

[All:] **I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

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

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172

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 of Worship

“This Is Amazing Grace” (Riddle)

Praise Team

*Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.*

[Chorus:]

*This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You lay down Your life That I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for me.*

[All:]

*Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (Chorus)*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (Repeat x2)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Worthy, worthy, worthy. (Chorus)*

All that You’ve done for me, all that You’ve done for me.

***The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs** "O the Blood" (Miller)

O, the blood, crimson love, Price of life's demand.
Shameful sin placed on Him, The Hope of every man.

[Chorus:]

O, the blood of Jesus washes me.
O, the blood of Jesus shed for me.
What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Savior, Son, Holy One, Slain so I can live.

O, see the Lamb, the Great I AM,
Who takes away my sin. (chorus)

O, the blood of the Lamb!
O, the blood of the Lamb!
O, the blood of the Lamb!
The precious blood of the Lamb!
What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Oh, what love! No greater love! Grace, how can it be

That in my sin, yes, even then,
He shed His blood for me? (chorus)

What a sacrifice that saved my life.
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***†The New Testament Reading**

Colossians 3:12-17

The Exposition of God's Word

"Forgiveness"
Colossians 3:12-17

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal" (Shurtleff)

* 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! *Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!* Psalm 148:1, 2

Pray for the families hit by the recent strong weather as they continue to recover and rebuild. Pray they will find hope in Jesus.

Pray for the many churches affected by COVID. Pray for the health and vitality of the Gospel in churches and pray for the Lord's guidance and wisdom as churches implement biblical strategies for church revitalization.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

With so many affected by recent storms in our area, consider giving to the Disaster Relief Fund that is now open to assist those who have experienced storm damage. There is also opportunity to give hands-on help. If you can assist in work projects, contact Chris Thompson at cthompson@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5239.

Are you feeling summer vibes? Save the date for Vacation Bible School June 7-11 from 9:30 a.m.-noon each day. Watch for registration to open soon at briarwood.org/vbs.

Listen to one of Pastor Reeder's three programs to add a whole new perspective to your week. *In Perspective*, which is a thirty-minute distillation of messages given from the pulpit along with one-minute segments also drawn from pastoral messages; *Today In Perspective*, a ten-minute program examining current issues through the lens of scripture; and *Fresh Bread*, a five-minute devotional program. All programs are available on iTunes, the BriarwoodPCA App, at briarwood.org/inperspective, on WLJR radio found at 88.5 FM; and online at playwljr.com.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Murdoch McRae, Pete Moore, Barbara Pierce, Tony Poelt, John Schoppert

We rejoice with J. C. and Nina Ogden on the birth of their son, Titus Rook, on Mar. 1.

Our love and sympathy to Benny, Charity and Ben Youngblood, Katherine Lee and family on the death of their brother-in-law and uncle, Dennis Hopkins, on Mar. 31; to Jenny Bishop and family on the death of her husband, member Harvey "Hoppy" Bishop, on Mar. 31; to the family of member Herb Rader, on his death on Apr. 1; to Don O'Cain and family on the death of his wife, member Claire O'Cain, on Apr. 3; and to Zoe Poelt and family on the death of her sister, Alitze Vallejo, on Apr. 4.

Announcements

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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Job openings:

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.

Nursery Night Supervisor. Please contact acraig@briarwood.org for more information.

Other 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.