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O CHURCH, ARISE

A PASSIONATE PLEA FOR BIBLICAL
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MAY 5-6, 2021 | BIRMINGHAM, AL
BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



All are invited to join us in the Briarwood Worship Center or via livestream May 5–6 for the purpose of encouraging biblical and confessional reform in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Pastor Reeder will be joined by seven other speakers with topics such as:

“Truth We Confess”

“The Puritans and the old Paths of Christian Piety”

“Calvin’s Company of Pastors”

“A Faith Worth Fighting For”

And several others

There will be seasons of prayer and a lively panel discussion, as well.

For more details and to register now, go to briarwood.org/conferences or just click the link on the homepage at briarwood.org.

Briarwood members receive a special discount, so plan on joining us May 5–6 for this important conference in the life of the PCA.



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by faith

Vacation Bible School: June 7-11

Briarwood members are encouraged to register their children and a guest now! If you didn't receive the all-member email last Monday, email Raleigh Macoy for the registration link at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Interested in volunteering at VBS? Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org and check out briarwood.org/vbs for updated details as they become available. To volunteer in the nursery area, email Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org.

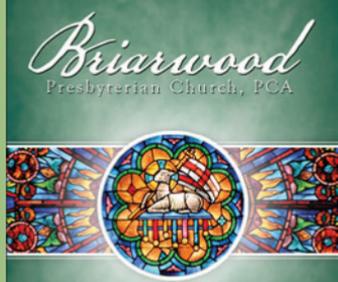
CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Join us this Sun., May 2 for evening worship at 6:00 p.m.
in-person or via livestream.

The service will include Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answering questions submitted to askthepastor@briarwood.org.

Available at briarwood.org/livety, on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App.



OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Information AND
Nomination Form

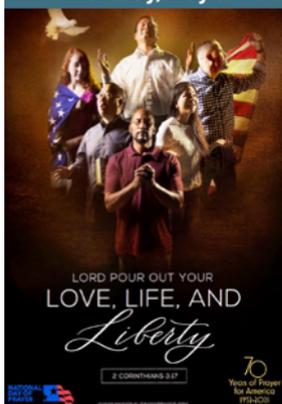
*For God's glory, we are committed
to equipping Christians to worship
God and to reach Birmingham
to reach the world for Christ.*

The month of May is the time during which nominations are accepted for officer candidates (deacons and elders) for the class of 2024. It is a very important duty that we have as members and leaders to nominate quality men for these offices. Each year, the Briarwood membership and existing leadership engages in this process of nomination, training, examination, election, ordination and installation.

We would ask that you pray diligently and thoughtfully in consideration of names of men that you know who meet the criteria for officers laid out in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

Please read the brochure on our website at briarwood.org/nominations. Submit qualified names by using the online form at the bottom of that page or by sending an email to lreese@briarwood.org.

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 6



Due to Briarwood hosting the Gospel Reformation Network conference "O Church, Arise," our facilities will be occupied on the National Day of Prayer on May 6. However, we encourage each of you to set aside time on this day to pray for our country with your family, small group or others. To aid in your prayer time, go to nationaldayofprayer.org/prayforamerica for a prayer guide or find a guide for your family by going to nationaldayofprayer.org/families_pray_for_our_nation.

We will be having a focused time of prayer on Sunday evening Jun. 27 to focus on issues facing our country, denomination and church.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper • May 9 in the morning services.

Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts for Communion. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – May 2, 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

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 33:5

[All:] He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" (Shea/Miller)

Angela Yoon and Jason Terry

Creator and Redeemer God, Author of all existence, Source of all blessedness, I adore You for making me capable of knowing You, for giving me reason and conscience, for leading me to desire You; I praise You for the revelation of Yourself in the gospel, for Your heart as a dwelling place of pity, for Your thoughts of peace towards me, for Your patience and Your graciousness, for the vastness of Your mercy. You have moved my conscience to know how the guilty can be pardoned, the unholy sanctified, the poor enriched. May I be always among those who not only hear but know You, who walk with and rejoice in You, who take You at Your Word and find life there.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" Hymn 241

Lo, He comes with clouds descending, Once for favored sinners slain;

Thousand thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of His train:

Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him, Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, See in solemn pomp appear:
All His saints, by men rejected, Now shall meet Him in the air:
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom for Thine own.
O, come quickly, O, come quickly! Everlasting God, come down.

*The Confession of Truth

The Old Scots Confession

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

[All:] We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship, and in Whom only we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; One in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable Providence for such ends as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

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 Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Greatest treasure of my longing soul.
My God, like You there is no other, True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom; Your love, exceeds the heavens' reach,
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, My highest good and my unending need.*

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, And my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me, My hope when tides of sorrow rise.
My joy when trials are abounding, Your faithfulness my refuge in the night.*

*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, In my place You suffered, bled, and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered; You broke my bond of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, May all my days bring glory to Your Name,
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.*

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Lord, I Need You" (Townend/Getty) · "I Need Thee Every Hour" Hymn 428 refrain

[Praise Team:]

*Lord I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.
Lord, I need You, oh I need You; Every hour I need You.
My one Defense, my Righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.*

[All:]

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me.*

[Chorus:]
Lord, I need You,
oh I need You; Every hour I need You.
My one Defense, my Righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

[Praise Team:]
*So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

[All:] [Chorus x2]
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 2:1-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

X. Romans in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of God

"From the Present Wrath of God to the Eternal Wrath of God
Amplifying the Grace of God-Part I"
Romans 2:1-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* Hymn 64 v. 5

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Postlude

"Jesus, Thy Blood, and Righteousness" (Zinzendorf)

* 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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

XIII. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

"If I Should Die Before I Wake—A Summation"

Revelation 6:12-17