

# THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MAY 14, 2021 •



May marks an important milestone for our High School and College seniors: Graduation!

This milestone celebrates years of hard work, dedication, and faithfulness. On behalf of Briarwood Church and the Youth/College staff, we want to congratulate all of our seniors. We are overjoyed for our graduates, and eagerly anticipate how the Lord will work in and through them during this next stage of life.

Whether graduating from High School or College, this next season is a big transition for all of our graduates. Some of these students will stay in Birmingham and be involved in the life of our church, while others will be pursuing an education or career in other cities or states. Either way, we count it a blessing to walk alongside each of them during this time. We cannot wait to see how the Lord will use them to expand His Kingdom! Our world desperately needs the next generation of believers to stand up for Him on the college campus and in the public square. Each graduating class represents both the completion of great accomplishments and the sending of the next generation of Christ's ambassadors to go forth to reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.

We will recognize and pray for our seniors in each of the May 16 morning worship services. Additionally, Briarwood families will receive a list of our seniors and their schools in the mail this week, and it will also be available to view online at [briarwood.org/bulletin](http://briarwood.org/bulletin). Please use this as a prayer guide to lift up this next generation and their impact for God's Kingdom.

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# "PROGRESSIVE" CHRISTIANITY

...AND **WHY** YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND IT



In light of developments within Christianity and our own denomination, the PCA, Pastor Reeder begins an important summer sermon series this Sunday at 6:00 p.m., "Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective."

Read Galatians 1:6–10 to prepare for this critical message and series, and attend in-person or online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), or on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV or the BriarwoodPCA App.



# by faith

Vacation Bible School: June 7-11

Interested in volunteering at VBS?

Email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) and check out [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs) for updated details as they become available.

To volunteer in the nursery, email Alison Craig at [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org).

Briarwood members are encouraged to register  
their children and guest, now!

If you didn't receive the all-member email, contact Raleigh Macoy  
for the registration link at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

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## 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](http://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](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

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



# Celebration of Worship

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## ASCENSION SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – May 16, 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

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44*

#### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 24:3-4

[All:] Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

#### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?"* (arr. Haines)  
Audrey Jowers, soloist; String Ensemble

*O Lord, unto You I lift my soul! I praise You that You have granted me mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Your perfect Son on my behalf at Calvary's cross. I come today with thanksgiving in my heart and praise upon my lips for the sustaining grace that You supply each day through the work of Your Holy Spirit in my life. Complete that work of redemption and sanctification, drawing me ever closer to my Savior. Grant to me a deep and abiding love for You, for Your Word, and for Your Church, that I might order my steps in a manner that pleases You and brings glory to You alone. Receive my praise this day as I offer it in Jesus' name, Amen.*

#### The Invocation

#### The Gospel Word of Salvation

#### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

#### \*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. Amen!

**\*The Confession of Truth**

The Apostles' Creed

[Leader:] *Christian, 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 prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b*

**The Recognition of Graduates**

**The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Revelation 5:13b*

**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**

"Great Are You, Lord" (Ingram)

[Solo:]

*You give life, You are love; You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope; You restore Every heart that is broken. Great are You, Lord.*

[All:]

*You give life, You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope; You restore Every heart that is broken. Great are You, Lord.*

[Chorus:]

*It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only.*

*And all the earth will shout Your praise; Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
Great are You, Lord! (Repeat) (Chorus)*

*Great are You, Lord!*

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

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

[Solo:]

*Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of Kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, His love is sure;  
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am His forevermore.*

[All:]

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood;  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need;  
I know my pain will not be wasted—Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on the narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name.  
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war;  
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk;  
For there my heart has found its treasure—Christ is mine forevermore.

[Solo:]

*Come rejoice now, O my soul for His love is my reward;  
Fear is gone and hope is sure—Christ is mine forevermore.  
Come rejoice now, O my soul for His love is my reward;  
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[All:]

Come rejoice now, O my soul for His love is my reward;  
Fear is gone and hope is sure—Christ is mine forevermore.  
And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk;  
For there my heart has found its treasure—Christ is mine forevermore.  
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[Solo:]

*Christ is mine forevermore.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,  
for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*The New Testament Reading

Romans 2:1-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XI. 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 2

Romans 2:1-11

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation      “This is My Father's World” Trinity Hymnal, v. 3

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;

His hand the wonders wrought

The Postlude

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” (Newton)