



THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MAY 21, 2021 •

2021 Summer Worship/Ministry Transition Plan

The Session of Briarwood Presbyterian Church has approved the following Summer Worship / Ministry Transition Plan effective June 1, 2021:

- Sunday, June 6, resume Sunday morning schedule of two morning services opening all our pews (cutting the ribbons) in the Worship Center and one Sunday School hour (9:30–10:30 a.m.) with dismissal of children to Children's church during the morning worship services.

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:50 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

- Room assignments beginning June 6 for Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School will be communicated and posted on our website next week.
- Beginning June 20, we will provide a Children's summer ministry opportunity during the evening service.
- Maintain the provision of streaming our Worship Services and Zoom for Congregational Communities in order to facilitate worship and ministry for those vulnerable.
- Implement a summer Choir transition plan with a focus on our choir leading us in our Christianity in America Service on the Fourth of July.
- Provide prioritized in-person ministry engagement including ministry gatherings, officer meetings, ministry teams, boards, etc. without restrictions while offering remote participation upon request when appropriate.
- Utilize the Summer as a transitional time to prepare us for the "New Normal" which, Lord willing, will be implemented Sunday, August 15.



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"PROGRESSIVE" CHRISTIANITY

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



Join Pastor Reeder as he continues introducing an important summer sermon series this Sunday at 6:00 p.m., "Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective."

Come to learn and discern what is coming to Christianity and the PCA.

Read Matthew 28:16–20 to prepare for the message, and attend in-person or online at briarwood.org/livetv, or on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV or the BriarwoodPCA App.

Today In Perspective

Pastor Reeder
addresses the
important issues of the
day on iTunes and the
BriarwoodPCA App.

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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.

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.*



by faith

Vacation Bible School: June 7-11

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, email Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org.

Briarwood members—register your children and guest, now!

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



Celebration of Worship

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – May 23, 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 a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 68:28

[All:] **Summon Your power, O God, the power, O God, by which You have worked for us.**

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Holy Spirit” (Getty/Townend)

Briarwood Ensemble

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

from *The Book of Common Worship*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

***The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

***The Hymn of Ascents**

“Revive Us Again” Hymn 295 vv. 1, 2, 4

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus, who died and is now gone above.

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. (Refrain)

Revive us again—fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. (Refrain)

***The Confession of Truth**

Acts 1:4–8

[Leader:] *And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

[All:] So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1 Timothy 2:1

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

The Presentation and Consecration of God’s Tithe 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 “Come, Thou Fount, Come, Thou King” (Robinson/Miller)

[Solo:]

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise;
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.*

[All:]

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home.
Now Your grace is always with me, And I’ll never be alone.

[Refrain:]

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing: come,
Thou Fount of our blessing.
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing: come,
Thou Fount of our blessing.

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. (Refrain)

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” (Croly/Atkinson)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart:
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The filling of the heav'n-descended Dove,
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow,
and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The New Testament Reading

Romans 2:12-16

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“Clarity and Reality on the Day of Divine Judgment”

Romans 2:12-16

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“Spirit of the Living God” Hymn 247

Spirit of the living God,

fall fresh on me;

Spirit of the living God,

fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me,

fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

fall fresh on me.

The Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Williams)

* 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.

II. Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective

Historic Biblical Christianity and Contemporary Progressive Christianity

“Its Motivation; Its Mission; Its Message—Part 2”

Matthew 28:16-20

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

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and on Facebook and Vimeo. Sermons can be seen on
the Briarwood YouTube channel, and sermon transcriptions
may be found at briarwood.org/sermons.