

# *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

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## 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... I 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](http://briarwood.org/livetv). Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://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

Watch all services anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv)  
and on Facebook and Vimeo. Sermons can be seen on  
the Briarwood YouTube channel, and sermon transcriptions  
may be found at [briarwood.org/sermons](http://briarwood.org/sermons).

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord. *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.* Proverbs 3:5-7

Pray for God's presence to be near His people. Pray for families in His neighborhoods to be protected from evil and for Him to remove the evil that lurks among us.

Pray for Shalom Christian Reform under the coaching of Richard Verreyne. Pray for the Church as they have lost their pastor to COVID-19 a few months ago. (*The flag of South Africa is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Are you interested in volunteering at VBS June 7-11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day? Contact Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) or email Alison Craig for the nursery at [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org). Briarwood members are encouraged to register their children and a 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).

This month we are accepting nominations 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. Read the brochure on our website at [briarwood.org/nominations](http://briarwood.org/nominations) and then submit qualified names by using the online form found at the bottom of that page or by sending an email to [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

Don't miss Pastor Reeder's ten-minute radio program, *Today In Perspective* every Monday through Friday, where he examines a current topic or event through the lens of Scripture. In the past week he has discussed topics such as Saddleback Church's ordination of women, should pro-abortion Catholics be denied communion, forcing doctors to perform transgender surgeries, and more. It is a concise ten minutes that will serve to inform you as well as give you a biblical perspective. Hear the program anytime on the BriarwoodPCA App, at [briarwood.org/todayinperspective](http://briarwood.org/todayinperspective), on iTunes, or on WLJR-FM, 88.5 at 5:48 a.m., 1:00, 5:15 and 9:00 p.m.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Bob Hand, Dick Scott, Rose Wear

Our love and sympathy to Paul Bush and family on the death of his father, David Bush, on May 12; to Beth McRae and family on the death of her husband, member Murdoch McRae, on May 13; John Mark, John Will, Samuel, Lydia and Rebecca Graham and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Donald William Graham, on May 17; and to Carolyn Crowe and family on the death of her husband, member Bob Crowe, on May 17.

# Announcements

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**Gospel Reformation Network**—The May 5-6 “O Church, Arise” Conference is now available to view on YouTube. Go to [briarwood.org/conferences](http://briarwood.org/conferences) for the link to these videos.

**Summer Sermon Series**—In light of developments within Christianity and our own denomination, the PCA, Pastor Reeder has begun an important evening sermon series, “Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective.” Read Matthew 28:16-20 to prepare for tonight’s message, and attend in-person or online at [briarwood.org/livetyv](http://briarwood.org/livetyv), or on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV or the BriarwoodPCA App.

**Nursery weekday drop-in** is now open for Briarwood members on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Go to [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) for information.

**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](mailto:bookstore@briarwood.org), or shopping online by going to [briarwood.org/webstore](http://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/livetyv](http://briarwood.org/livetyv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetyv](http://briarwood.org/archivetyv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook and Vimeo.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

**Special Connections Ministry Director.** Full-time position for an experienced and compassionate leader. The candidate should have the education, training and skills to include a biblical reformed framework of disabilities and an understanding of physical, mental and sensory disabilities; as well as a heart for and skills to minister well to those with disabilities and their family. The Director will serve as a member of Briarwood Church and on the Shepherding Team. Interested candidates should send résumé to Patti Claud at [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5282.

**Other 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.