

# *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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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – June 6, 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 where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20*

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

Psalm 150:1; 6

[Leader:] *Praise the LORD! Praise God in His Sanctuary!*

[All:] **Let everything that has breath, praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!**

*(During the Prelude all are invited to come to the Choir Loft for Summer Choir.)*

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*“The Church’s One Foundation”* (arr. Haines)

*Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.*

*adapted from The Valley of Vision*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”* (arr. Berg)

[Choir:]

*Stand up! Stand up! For Jesus Christ, our Lord, Stand up!*

[All:]

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

[Women:]

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict, In this His glorious day:  
Ye who are men, now serve Him Against unnumbered foes!  
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.

[Men:]

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

[All:]

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song.  
To Him who overcometh A crown of life shall be;  
He, with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally!

[Choir:]

*Stand up! Stand up! For Jesus Christ, our Lord, Stand up! Stand up!*

**\*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**

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6*

**The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

**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** "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" (Getty/Kaufman)

[Praise Team:]

*What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.*

*What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.*

*Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?*

*And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.*

[All/Refrain:]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Refrain)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. (Refrain x2)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

**\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**     *“Our Great God”* (arr. Ortega)  
Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown;  
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright Seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;  
They raise their voices, day and night, in praise to You alone.

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy—his pleasure is our harm;  
Rise up, oh, Lord and he will flee before our sovereign God. (Refrain)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth.  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,  
Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word. (Refrain x2)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

*And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*The New Testament Reading**

Romans 2:17–24

**The Exposition of God’s Word**

Pastor Reeder

XIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

*The Gospel of God*

“Religion Will Not Save on Judgment Day”

Romans 2:17–24

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

*“To God Be the Glory”* Hymn 66 v. 1

To God be the glory—great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

**The Postlude**

*“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”* (Williams)

\* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

† K4–3rd grade dismiss to the Children’s Auditorium for Children’s Worship. Following the 8:00 service, Children’s Worship participants will be escorted to their Sunday School rooms. Following the 10:50 service, please pick up K4–3rd grade children in the Children’s Auditorium.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform. The 8:00 a.m. service is also “signed” each week in the Worship Center. Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.* Ephesians 2:8

Pray for the safety of our teachers and children at Vacation Bible School beginning June 7. Pray the children will draw closer to Jesus through His Word and songs of praise and for those who have not prayed to receive Christ as Lord and Savior to make that commitment.

Pray for the construction on the new church building for Urban Hope Community Church to finish well. Pray for the Lord to provide a youth leader who can do outreach and disciple the young men and women in the Fairfield community. And pray for the Lord's protection over His people as violence increases during the summer months. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Next week kicks off Vacation Bible School, June 7-11! Join your Briarwood family to pray at the VBS Prayer Time today at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. May the Lord bless the many plans that have been made and make this a fruitful time in the lives of those attending and serving. All are invited.

Ladies, join us for Summer Drop-In Studies to hear from our Briarwood sisters sharing the redemptive work of Jesus in their stories of loss, difficult marriages, waywardness and everyday life. Through their stories, they will take us to the Word and the hope found in the Gospel. Meetings are Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, June 15 through July 27. Go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) for more information.

Men, make a Men of the Covenant Summer Study a part of your summer routine. All men may choose from two studies this summer, one on Wednesday mornings and another on Fridays. Various teachers will lead the Wednesday study, "Westminster Larger Catechism: Exodus 20 and the Ten Commandments." Benny Parks will lead the Friday study, "*All Things for Good: An Exposition of Romans 8:28* by Thomas Watson." Both will also be available via Zoom. Go to [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men) for information.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Gene Branham, Jean and Terry Chase, Jim Entrekin, Ben Greene, Steve Hall, Carl Jernigan, Bill Moulton, Dick Scott, Jeffie Rae Thompson, Rose Wear, Denise Wichlan

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Sharon Berry on her death on June 1.

# Announcements

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**Help update our list of members and family members currently on military active duty**—Contact Patti at 205-776-5282 or [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) with the name, rank, and branch of service in which you or your family member is currently serving along with their relationship to you.

**One Voice: The Word of God, the Love of Christ, and Human Sexuality**—“Vacation with a purpose” at this conference from the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals in Pensacola, Florida, June 16-18. Go to [alliancenet.org/one-voice](http://alliancenet.org/one-voice) for details and to register.

**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.

**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](http://briarwood.org/livetv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv), on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook and Vimeo.

**The Briarwood Christian Bookstore** resumes regular hours on Tuesday, June 1: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come and visit us soon!

**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.

**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.

## **Job openings:**

**Junior High Director.** This full-time position will implement and oversee a complete ministry to our 7th/8th grade students including: programming, personal ministry, volunteer recruiting and development, discipling, assisting parents, and shepherding students. Contact the Student Ministry at 205-776-5269 or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**Male Senior High Youth Ministry Staff.** This full-time position will work with other youth staff to implement a complete ministry to Senior high students including: programming, personal ministry, volunteer recruiting and development, discipling, assisting parents, and shepherding over 300 senior high members of the church. Contact the Student Ministry at 205-776-5269 or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org)

**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.