

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

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – June 13, 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

Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are of Israel's fountain! Psalm 68:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:48

[All:] I will lift up my hands toward Your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on Your statutes.

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Rondeau” (Mouret)

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Welcoming of New Members (10:50)

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” Hymn 97

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

***The Confession of Truth**

Colossians 2:11-14

[Leader:] *In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,*

[All:] **having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead.**

[Leader:] *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him,*

[All:] **having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.**

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

[All:] **Thanks be to God!**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

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 "Christ Is Mine Forevermore" (Robinson/Thompson)

[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.

Come rejoice now, O my soul for His love is my reward;

Fear is gone and hope is sure—Christ is mine forevermore. (repeat x2)

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.

Christ is mine forevermore.

[Solo:]

Christ is mine forevermore.

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

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" (arr. Galbraith)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

[Chorus:]

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

And like a flood His mercy reigns; Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures. (Chorus x2)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine; will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

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 2:17–29

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XIV. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"Religion Will Not Save on Judgment Day—Part 2"

Romans 2:17–29

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**

"In Christ Alone" (Townend/Getty)

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, What depths of peace, When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Luther)

* 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.

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Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked. nor stands in the way of sinners nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law, he meditates day and night.* Psalm 1:1, 2

Pray and thank God for the children who attended VBS this past week. Pray God will keep what they learned imprinted on their hearts throughout their lives and give them strength.

As universities in Birmingham begin to fully open back up this summer, please pray for Briarwood's outreach to the city's international student population. Pray also for the Lord to help us, as in-person Bible studies and events begin, to bless the students and lovingly share the good news of Jesus to them. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Ladies, Summer Drop-In kick off this week! Meetings will run June 15 through July 27 on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Come 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. Go to briarwood.org/women for more information.

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 for information.

Summer is back at Briarwood with lots of activities for our children and youth! Super Summer for the rising K5-6th grade has a great summer planned with some old favorites as well as exciting new ones. Both Raiders and BYG (7th-12th grade) will have fun events each week such as: BYG crawfish/shrimp boil, Raiders Slop Olympics, tournament night, Luau swim party, Barons night, and nerd night bowling as well as a Sunday speakers series and Tuesday Bible study. Get Super Summer details at briarwood.org/supersummer and BYG/Raiders details at briarwood.org/youth. Don't miss out this summer.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Steve Hall, Margaret Hedrick, Carl Jernigan, Ann Parks, Dick Scott, Rose Wear

Our love and sympathy to Tina Vinson and family on the death of her father, Scott Hayes, on June 6; and to Tom Jackson and family on the death of his sister, member Cheryl Jackson, on June 8.

Announcements

New Direction Ministry—Come to the grand re-opening, Wed.–Sat., 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at 305 Crawford St. in Fairfield! And help replace items lost in a recent fire at Ramsay High School by purchasing elephant ear plants at the store. Email awatson@briarwood.org to order.

Help update our list of members and family members currently on military active duty—Contact Patti at 205-776-5282 or 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 for details and to register.

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 10:55 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, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. Recorded services are available online anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv, on the BriarwoodPCA App, Facebook and Vimeo.

The Briarwood Christian Bookstore is open weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come see us in person for a wide selection of Christian resources, call 205-776-5210, or visit briarwood.org/bookstore.

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.

If you are interested in infant Baptism in our Sunday morning services, contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or 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.

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

Other job opportunities are currently available with several Briarwood ministries. See the listing at briarwood.org/employment with details on the positions as well as how to apply.