

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 20, 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him
in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:18

[All:] Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Holy Ground” (Davis)

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise.

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“God of Our Fathers” Hymn 573 vv. 1, 3, 4

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!

***The Confession of Truth**

Philippians 3:1-3

[Leader:] *Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.*

[All:] **For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.**

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

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

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

Honoring Dr. Frank M. Barker, Jr. Founding Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

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 Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 262 vv. 1, 4

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Amen!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***The New Testament Reading**

Romans 3:1-6

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XV. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"True Religion—Advantage or Disadvantage?"

Romans 3:1-6

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

"Rise Up, O Men of God" (Merrill)

* 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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

Songs of Praise

"His Mercy is More"

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

"Before the Throne of God Above"

"All I Have is Christ"

Offertory

"I Asked the Lord"

Shane Davis, soloist

Sermon

IV. Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective

Historic Biblical Christianity and

Contemporary Progressive Christianity

"Political Correctness and Contemporary Issues: Revoice Theology"

I Corinthians 6: 9, 10

Pastor Reeder

Watch all services anytime at 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.

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.* Psalm 42:1, 2

Pray for those who are attending and teaching the summer studies and drop-ins. Pray for God's Word to enable us to grow and love God more each day through these studies.

Praise the Lord for the 60 students who participated in the Summer Beach Project with Campus Outreach at Troy University. Many of the students learned how to study God's word for themselves for the first time. Please pray for the 7 students who made decisions to follow Christ. (*The flag of Alabama is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Find your place in a Drop-In or Men's Study this summer! Ladies Summer Drop-In runs through July 27 on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Come hear about the redemptive work of Jesus through stories of loss, difficult marriages, waywardness and everyday life which will take us to the Word and the hope found in the Gospel. Go to briarwood.org/women for more information. Men of the Covenant Summer Studies are on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Various teachers lead the Wednesday study, "Westminster Larger Catechism: Exodus 20 and the Ten Commandments." Benny Parks leads the Friday study, "All Things for Good: An Exposition of Romans 8:28 by Thomas Watson." Both are also available via Zoom. Go to briarwood.org/men for information.

All are invited to the Christianity in America Celebration to reflect on God's blessings to this great nation of ours on Sunday, July 4 at 6:00 p.m. Join in this time of honoring our veterans, singing songs of faith and patriotism, and sharing fellowship! The Briarwood Sanctuary Choir and Festival Orchestra will lead us, and Pastor Reeder will deliver a special message for the 4th of July. Livestream will also be offered.

Do you want to "try out" the choir? Join the Ten-Minute Summer Choir and sing in our morning services. Come to the choir loft ten minutes prior to either morning service to prepare a familiar hymn that will be sung early in the service. You'll be able to return to your family for the sermon. No experience necessary!

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Ginny Catalano, Leland Eaton, John Haines, Steve Hall, Ann Parks, Rose Wear, Ric Cull, Maple Shaw, Louie Reese, Daniel Robinson

We rejoice with Noah and Rachel Despinasse on the birth of their daughter, Nora Grace, on June 12; and with Butch and Jennifer Hodge on the birth of their son, Dylan Dean, on June 14 and with grandparents Glenn and Dean Hodge.

Our love and sympathy to Tom Jackson, Angie Reeder and family on the death of their sister and aunt, member Cheryl Jackson, on June 8.

Announcements

The Post COVID Church Podcast—Pastor Reeder recently gave an interview with Stuart Kellogg regarding church health post-COVID. Hear it now at briarwood.org/askthepastor.

Help update our list of members and family members currently on active military 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.

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

New Direction Ministry—We’re open again, Wed.–Sat., 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at 305 Crawford St. in Fairfield! 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.

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.