

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• JULY 2, 2021 •



Father, as we enjoy this holiday of independence, we lift up our loved ones in the military to You in prayer.

Help us to remember the daily sacrifices that they and their families make to insure our freedoms. May they remember to cast their cares and burdens upon You. Instead of being anxious, remind them to pray about everything.

Grant them peace that surpasses all understanding and guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.

"Thank you" to those who have served or are serving our country.

Please visit the display case in the Bookstore Hallway containing the list of our servicemen and women currently serving.



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more domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, and our Liberty, all secure and established for ever
of the United States in

*Briarwood Sanctuary Choir/Festival Orchestra
Honoring our veterans and sharing fellowship
July 4 • 6:00 p.m. • Worship Center*

SUMMER FUN For KIDS

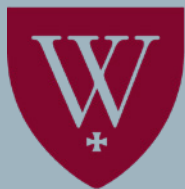
Go to briarwood.org/summerkids

There are many activities throughout the summer for children and youth—K5 through 12th grade. (All grades are rising in the fall.)

Church and school offices will be closed on Monday, July 5
for the July 4th holiday.

Sunday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. - General Assembly Report

Sunday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. - Communion



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Frank Barker Chair of Missions and Evangelism

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WOMEN'S SUMMER DROP-IN MEN'S SUMMER STUDIES NOW THROUGH JULY 27



WOMEN'S SUMMER DROP-IN

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
in the Chapel

Go to briarwood.org/women.



MEN OF THE COVENANT SUMMER STUDIES

Wed. and Fri. at 6:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Details at briarwood.org/men.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – July 4, 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 145:13

[All:] **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Faith of Our Fathers” (Faber)

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father, I confess and acknowledge that I am a sinner and guilty of treason against Your Holy Law, that I was conceived in sin and prone to do evil and that I have both offended You and rebelled against You. I have left undone those things I ought to have done, and have done those things which I ought not to have done. I am unable to save myself, O Lord, and acknowledge that salvation is of Your grace and mercy, so may you receive all the praise as is due Your holy name. For from You and unto You are all things; so unto You be glory forevermore. Amen.

The Choral Introit

“America the Beautiful” (arr. Berg)

The Briarwood Ten Minute Summer Choir

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!

America, America! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America, America! May God they gold refine,

Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America, America! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“God of Our Fathers” Hymn 573

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

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

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! Amen.

*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

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things
that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

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

"Even So, Come" • "The Church's One Foundation" • "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

[Solo:]

*All of creation, all of the earth Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon. Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame; Jesus is coming soon.*

{All:} [Chorus:]

Like a bride waiting for her groom, We'll be a Church ready for You.

Ev'ry heart longing for our King, We sing:

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come."

There will be justice, all will be new.

Your name forever, faithful and true; Jesus is coming soon. (Chorus)

So we wait, We wait for You. God we wait, You're coming soon. (Repeat) (Chorus)

Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

[Solo:]

*The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.*

[All:]

‘Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall; For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv’n, Till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv’n
The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heav’n.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***†The Old Testament Reading**

I Chronicles 12:32

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

I. The Church in Biblical Perspective
The Presbyterian Church in America
“Biblical Challenges and Opportunities”
I Chronicles 12:32

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation** “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*” Hymn 276 vv. 1, 4

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion’s help forever, And her confidence alone.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory While unending ages run. Amen.

The Postlude

“*On Eagles Wings*” (Joncas)

* 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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