



THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• JULY 9, 2021 •



The 48th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America was held in St. Louis, Missouri, from June 29 through July 1, 2021. During this time 2,116 commissioners (including 1,503 Teaching Elders and 613 Ruling Elders) met to conduct the business of our denomination.

At the end of 2020 the PCA had 1,928 churches and missions with 383,338 members (383 less than 2019). We have 5,117 ministers or Teaching Elders serving in 88 Presbyteries.

Dr. Roy Taylor was elected as the moderator. A Birmingham native, Dr. Taylor retired in 2020 after serving the PCA since 1998 as the Stated Clerk. With his institutional history, knowledge of the PCA Book of Church Order, Rules of Assembly Operation, Robert's Rules of Order and dry wit, Dr. Taylor led the assembly to successfully navigate the 48 Overtures and concluded the work of the assembly at 12:15 a.m. Friday morning.

Several critical overtures were decided and many victories won. We praise God and thank you for your prayers which were answered in a glorious way at this assembly.

A more detailed report of this year's General Assembly will be given during the evening service on July 11, including a brief discussion of the Overtures.

All the Briarwood Commissioners that attended this year thank you for the privilege to have represented our church. Next year the General Assembly will meet here in Birmingham.

Walter Leveille, Ruling Elder



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BRIARWOOD BALLET PRESENTS

FROM DARKNESS



TO LIGHT

CONTEMPORARY SUMMER DANCE SHOWCASE

JULY 16 & 17 - 7:00 P.M.
BRIARWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

TICKETS @ BRIARWOOD.ORG/BALLETEVENTS



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Frank Barker Chair of Missions and Evangelism

Donations can be made at wts.edu/give or by calling 215-572-3830. See the video at briarwood.org/barkerchair.

**10
MINUTE
Summer
CHOIR**

**Come to the Choir Loft
ten minutes before either morning
service or during the Prelude and
help lead the congregation in a
hymn this Sunday!**

**WOMEN'S SUMMER
DROP-IN**



Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. • Chapel
Go to briarwood.org/women.

**MEN'S
STUDIES
SUMMER 2021**

Wed. and Fri. at 6:30 a.m. • FH
Details at briarwood.org/men.

NOW THROUGH JULY 27

EVENING WORSHIP

This Sunday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. — General Assembly Report
Sunday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. — Communion
followed by Outside Fellowship

**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.)



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – July 11, 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

*"I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation
I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 148:1-2

[All:] Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" (Martin)

O Lord, Whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed. I have not loved You with all my heart and soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done, and for the good I have left undone. But You, O Lord, are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy; there is forgiveness with You. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation Speak to me the words that I need, and let Your word abide with me until it has wrought in me Your holy will. Amen.

The Choral Introit

"How Marvelous" (Gabriel)

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" Hymn 9

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him; Praise Him angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken; Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious; Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation, Laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing, In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore Thee; We would bow before Thy throne:
As Thine angels serve before Thee, So on earth Thy will be done.

[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

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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 Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"My Tribute" Hymn 11 • "You Are My All in All"

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me—
Things so undeserved, Yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels Could not express my gratitude—
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, To God be the glory;
To God be the glory For the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory For the things He has done.

Just let me live my life; Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.
And should I gain any praise, Let it go to Calvary,
With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory For the things He has done.

You are my strength when I am weak.

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jewel,

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my All in All.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again, I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up;

When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my All in All.

[Chorus:]
Jesus—Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name;
Jesus—Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my All in All. (Chorus)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 3:9-18

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XVII. Romans in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of God
"The Indictment"
Romans 3:9-18

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Baker)

* 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.

V. Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective
Historic Biblical Christianity and Contemporary Progressive Christianity
"Progressive Christianity and Critical Theory"
Ephesians 4:11-16
Pastor Reeder