

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 – 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 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 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

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Psalm 105:1, 2

Please be in prayer for our country. Pray this year we will be united by the power of the Holy Spirit. Call upon Him. Call for His help.

Pray for Harvest USA ministry to be bold in proclaiming the gospel in a culture and even church environment that are becoming increasingly hostile. Pray the Lord will raise up staff they need to be faithful in their work with people with sexual struggles and family members of those impacted by sexual sin. (*The flag of Pennsylvania is featured in today's worship service.*)

“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Come hear the report tonight in the evening service from the 48th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America held in St. Louis, Missouri. There will also be a brief discussion of the Overtures that were presented. The General Assembly is also available to watch on the website at briarwood.org/conferences.

Get your tickets today for the Briarwood Ballet presentation of “From Darkness to Light” on Fri., July 16 and Sat., July 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium at Briarwood High School. Go to briarwood.org/balletevents for tickets and information.

It's not too late to join the Women's Drop-In Series or a Men's Study this summer! Women's Summer Drop-In meets Tuesdays through July 27 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.” Go to briarwood.org/men for information. Both are also available via Zoom.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Frank Barker III, Louie Reese, Daniel Robinson

Our love and sympathy to Sonya, Seth and Caleb Steelman, Rebekah Vermeer and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Jo Ella White, on July 2; to Russ Morgan and family on the death of his father, Bill Morgan, on July 3; and to Helen, Michael and Amelia Megginson and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Leslie Haynes, on July 6.

Announcements

Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts to receive communion on Sun., July 25 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received and Elements are gluten-free. A church wide fellowship will follow that evening.

Frank Barker Chair of Missions and Evangelism—Help endow this new chair at Westminster Theological Seminary. Donations can be made at wts.edu/give or by calling 215-572-3830. See the video at briarwood.org/barkerchair.

Are your kids looking for summer fun? There are many activities throughout the summer for children and youth—K5 through 12th grade. (All grades are rising in the fall.) Go to briarwood.org/summerkids to see a listing of opportunities for children and youth.

Friendship Partners is just around the corner. If you love people, the nations, and cross cultural friendships, we need you this fall! We'll match you with an international student, scholar, or family member to build bridges of friendship through sharing culture and experiences. For more information, email cbrown@briarwood.org.

The Briarwood Fellows need host homes for the incoming class of fellows. If this something you would prayerfully consider, contact Seth at seth@briarwoodfellows.org or 205-527-2411.

The Korean Congregation is seeking an English-speaking Sunday School teacher for children on Sunday mornings from 11:20 a.m.–12:40 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Seongmin Im at sim@briarwood.org or 205-776-5414 for details.

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.

New Direction Ministry—We're now open Wed.–Sat., 10:00 a.m.–3:00 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.

New Job openings—

Facilities Scheduling Coordinator. Full-time position with benefits. Those interested should contact Steve Goebel at 205-776-5230 or sgoebel@briarwood.org.

Nursery Administrative Supervisor. Part-time position that supports the Nursery Director in managing the Nursery. Contact Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

Briarwood Christian Bookstore Sales Associate. Part-time/hourly/as-needed position available. Candidate must have good computer, internet, and people skills and be available to work at least one Sunday per month and some Wednesday evenings. A basic understanding of Christian books as well as previous inventory experience is helpful. Contact Debbie Little at dlittle@briarwood.org if interested.

See all the current job opportunities for Briarwood ministries and ministry partners at briarwood.org/employment to find details on open positions as well as how to apply.