

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 18, 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

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 130:5

[All:] I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope.

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“O God Beyond All Praising” (Holst)

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

The Choral Introit

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” (arr. Berg)

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“Come, We That Love the Lord” Hymn 18

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne,

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found Glory begun below;
Celestial fruit on earthly ground From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
before we reach the heav'nly fields, or walk the golden streets,

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry.
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

***The Confession of Truth**

I John 4:4-6

[Leader:] *Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.*

[All:] **We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

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

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

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

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 "Build My Life" • "Behold Our God"**

Chris Neugent, worship leader

Elizabeth Jordan, soloist

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You.

Jesus, the name above every other name.

Jesus, the only One who could ever save.

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You, we live for You.

[Chorus:]

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You.

Open up my eyes in wonder.

Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart,

And lead me in Your love to those around me.

Worthy, worthy of every song we could ever sing.

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.

We live for You, we live for You.

Jesus, the name above every other name.

Jesus, the only One who could ever save.

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.

We live for You, oh, we live for You. (Chorus)

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken. (Repeat x2) (Chorus)

[Solo:]

*Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice.*

[Chorus:]
Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King—nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him.

[All:]
Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man;
God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus,
Savior, risen now to reign. (Chorus)

[Men:] You will reign forever.
[Woman:] Let Your glory fill the earth! (x4)

(Chorus x2)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***†The Old Testament Reading**

II Kings 6:8-17

The Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Stephen Cloud

“There Are More on Our Side Than on Their Side?”

II Kings 6:8-17

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

***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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Watts)

* 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! *To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens! Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.* Psalm 123:1, 3

Pray for Christians around the world to stand strong in the Lord. Pray for their protection, direction, wisdom and courage.

Pray for Briarwood ESL as they begin to do more in-person activities. Pray that they would serve international families well through English classes, Friendship Partners, and outreach events. Pray God would be drawing many to Himself through relationships formed with Briarwood church members. *(The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)*

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Come discover how to be motivated, challenged, and encouraged to share your faith at the Five-Week Evangelism Training beginning July 21. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Topics include: The Great Commission; What are We to Do?; Bridge to Life, An Effective Way to Share; How Do We Create Space to Talk about God?; Sharing Your Faith in the Business World; and Lifestyle Evangelism and Discipleship. Get information at briarwood.org/evangelism.

All are invited to the Service of Communion on Sunday, July 25 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received and elements are gluten-free. An outdoor church-wide fellowship will follow the service.

Help your neighbor by bringing non-perishable foods for the Community Food Drive. Drop off donations to the marked trailer located in Parking Lot-B which is open 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.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Carole Brindley, Deb Evans, French Forbes, Jr., Susan Lile, Donna Moore, Louie Reese, Daniel Robinson, Tony Wright

We rejoice with Jonathan and Meredith Peters on the birth of their son, Joshua Jude, on June 25; with Nathan and Anna Brauer on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Hope, on July 7, and grandparents Dave and Linda Mace; and with Andy and Laura McRae on the birth of their daughter, Francis Anne, on July 8, and grandparents Gerald and Beth McRae and Bob and Jodie Zachow.

Our love and sympathy to Patty, Andy and Lucy Roark, Shelly Stallings and family on the death of their brother and uncle, David Klein, on July 6; to Jane Foster and family on the death of her mother, Nancy Rynearson, on July 7; to Don, Sandy, Madison, Meghan, Mason and Micah Murphy and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Alex Gibbs, on July 12, and their mother and grandmother, Julia 'Judy' Harris Murphy, on July 13; and to Will Ratcliffe and family on the death of his father, Alfred Anderson Ratcliffe, on July 13.

Announcements

Barons Family Night—The Briarwood Church Family is going to the ballgame Saturday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for some baseball fun as the Barons take on the Mississippi Braves. This will be a fun time of fellowship for all ages with fireworks after the game! Go to briarwood.org/barons for details and tickets.

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., 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. To order, call 205-786-7603 or email awatson@briarwood.org.

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.

Single's Ministry Women's Coordinator. Full-time position. The ability to shepherd and disciple single adult women is required. For more information, please submit resumes to Page Dollar at pdollar@briarwood.org.

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.