

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 25, 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 where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 138:2

[All:] I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your Name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your Name and Your Word.

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Majesty” (Hayford)

O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tinctured with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

Ten Minute Summer Choir

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Neander)

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Reception of New Members (10:50)

***The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

***The Hymn of Ascents**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymn 25 vv. 1, 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

[All:] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

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

“Only a Holy God” • “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

[Solo:]

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?

Only a Holy God.

[Praise Team:]

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendor outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice?

Only a Holy God.

[Chorus:]

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy; Forever a Holy God.

Come and worship the Holy God.

[All:]

What other glory consumes like fire?

What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated?

Only a Holy God. (Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failure?

Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father?

Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. (Chorus x2)

*How deep the Father’s love for us? how vast beyond all measure?
That He would give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.*

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:12-13

The Exposition of God's Word

Dr. John Currie

“Walking and Working Out Together”
Philippians 2:12-13

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“We Are God's People” Hymn 283 v. 1

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

The Postlude

“We Are God's People” (Leech)

Welcome to the pulpit this morning Dr. John Currie,
Professor of Pastoral Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary who also
served as our keynote speaker at this year's Global Ministries Conference.

* 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.

“I Am the Bread of Life”

John 6:35

Pastor Max Bunn

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.* Psalm 93:1

Please be in prayer for Pastor Reeder as he prepares for future teaching. Pray God's direction and His protection as he prepares.

Pray for Brad and Agi Baker's ministry where Hungarian churches are realizing their role in God's global mission. There is a slow but steady desire to send and support missionaries, not just receive them. Pray for Brad and his team as they train and equip pastors to lead their churches to participate in the Great Commission. (*The flag of Hungary is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

All are invited to the Service of Communion tonight in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received and elements are gluten-free. An outdoor Beach Night fellowship will follow the service in the front of Worship Center. There will be a food truck with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, soft drinks, popsicles, and watermelon. Enjoy beach-themed games for adults and kids, beach music, and a seaside backdrop with related props as well as a kid's beach scene head cut-out board, painted by one of our new members, for amusing pictures.

Calling all rising 1st and 2nd grade students—Catechism Camp starts this week! It's a great opportunity to learn the foundational truths of Christianity in a fun and exciting way. Camp runs July 26-30 with registration in the Ministries Lobby at 9:15 a.m. tomorrow. Go to briarwood.org/supersummer for the important details you'll need to know for the week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Come discover how to be motivated, challenged, and encouraged to share your faith at the Five-Week Evangelism Training. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Remaining topics include: 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.

Give the gift of life and donate blood. Briarwood will host a Blood Drive with Life South on Thu., Aug. 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Blood donated will go to help the needs in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Come to the bus parked in Parking Lot B, near the Altadena House to participate.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Frank Barker III, Angie Burgess, Jenn Hester, Jerry Minor, Ann Parks, Louie Reese, Barbara Robinson, Daniel Robinson, Martha Scotch, Tim Townes

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.

Read Pastor Reeder's latest blog now at briarwood.org/pastorsblog.

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.

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 acriag@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.