

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 – August 1, 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

'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 11:7

[All:] The LORD is righteous; He loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold His face.

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “Be Still, My Soul” (Finlandia)

O Great I am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

Ten Minute Summer Choir

“To God Be the Glory” (Doane)

To God be the glory—great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

[Chorus:]

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Chorus)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Chorus)

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

***The Hymn of Ascents**

“Our Great Savior” Hymn 89 vv. 1, 5

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

[Chorus:]

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive You, More than all in You I find,
You have granted me forgiveness, I am Yours, and You are mine. (Chorus)

***The Confession of Truth**

Galatians 2:15-16

[Leader:] *We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;*

[All:] yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

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

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:1

The Presentation and Consecration of God’s Tithes 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**

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” • “Great Are You, Lord”

[Solo:]

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

[All:] [Refrain:]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Refrain)

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. (Refrain x2)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

[Praise Team:]

You give life, You are love; You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; You restore every heart that is broken.
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[All:] [Chorus:]

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise;
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
Great are You, Lord! (Repeat) (Chorus)

Great are You, Lord!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The New Testament Reading

Romans 3:21-31

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XVIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"The Divine Indictment: A Divine Postscript!"

Romans 3:21-31

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"The 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

"Beautiful Savior" (Crusaders' Hymn)

*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! *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.* Psalm 23:1,2

Pray for the Lord to lead us in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Southwest Presbyterian Church in Texas has completed Fanning The Flame training. Pray for God to continue to strengthen His body there as they apply all the Biblical principles they have learned. Pray for their pastor, David Wakeland, as he preaches, teaches and leads his flock with much prayer. (*The flag of Texas is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Help your neighbors in need by giving the gift of life through donating blood or non-perishable foods. Briarwood will host a Blood Drive with Life South this 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. Also, continue bringing foods for the Community Food Drive. Drop off donations to the marked trailer located in Parking Lot-B, 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.

Take me out to the ballpark for our Barons Family Night this Saturday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for some baseball fun as the Birmingham Barons take on the Mississippi Braves. This will be a great time of fellowship with fireworks after the game! Go to briarwood.org/barons for details and tickets.

Catch up on Pastor Reeder's new blog entry detailing Historic Biblical Christianity and Contemporary Progressive Christianity. Read it now at briarwood.org/pastorsblog.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Frank Barker III, Jerry Minor, Ann Parks, Louie Reese, Barbara Robinson, Daniel Robinson, Sharon Yancey

Our love and sympathy to Bill, Jonathan and Rachel Rasberry and family on the death of their brother and uncle, John Rasberry, on July 23; and to Sharon Slay and family on the death of her father, Carlos Gomez, on July 27.

Announcements

Come to the Five-Week Evangelism Training on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the FH. Learn how to be motivated, challenged, and encouraged to share your faith. Remaining topics include: How Do We Create Space to Talk about God?, Sharing Your Faith in the Business World, and Lifestyle Evangelism and Discipleship. Find more information at briarwood.org/evangelism.

Trailblazers will tour the Barber Motorsports Museum on Wed., Aug. 11 at 10:00 a.m. then lunch at the Grand River Saw's following. Get tickets (\$25) at briarwood.org/trailblazers or in the Bookstore. Contact with questions at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

BYG/Raiders Wednesday Nights at The Barn begin Aug. 25. Dinner (\$5) at 5:30 p.m. Raiders meet 6:30–8:00 p.m and BYG meets 7:00–8:30 p.m. Go to briarwood.org/youth.

Friendship Partner Orientation is Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m. with a make up session in September. Email Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org if you are interested in applying for this opportunity to welcome international students and families.

BYG/Raiders D-Groups are back Sept. 12. D-groups are small group Bible studies for 7th–12th graders. All participants must register at briarwood.org/youth prior to Aug. 25.

Praise Team Band and Singers. The Briarwood Worship and Music Department has openings for singers and band members. If you are a Briarwood member and would like to schedule an audition, contact John Haines at 205-612-5199 or jhaines@briarwood.org.

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.

One more host home need for the incoming class of Briarwood Fellows! Prayerfully consider helping this ministry. 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.

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—

Music Worship Assistant. Full-time position accountable directly to the Worship Pastor and has significant public worship leadership responsibilities. Contact Pastor Haines if interested at 205-612-5199 or jhaines@briarwood.org.

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