



BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• AUGUST 6, 2021 •

CURRENT WORSHIP/MINISTRY TRANSITION PLAN

This week we emailed our church family to inform them of our Leadership Team Committee's prayerful decision to delay our implementation of a "New Normal" Plan scheduled for August 15 and extend our Transition Plan as we continue to monitor our circumstances related to COVID and the Delta variant. If you have not received this email it can be found on our website at briarwood.org.

Thank you for continuing to reflect your love and care for another as exhibited in your tremendous response to this time of transition. We are so grateful to have carefully and effectively moved to two morning Worship Services with one Sunday school hour along with prioritized ministry events, and we thank everyone for their intentional patience and persistence.

In light of the increase in COVID and Delta variant cases we are presently experiencing in our church and community, it is prudent to maintain this transition phase and wait to implement a "new normal." This decision does not call for us to "backup" or even to "move forward," but rather to simply maintain our present functions with a couple of reminders for emphasis. We are all free to wear masks at Briarwood out of our desire to take precautions or because we have vulnerabilities or we are not vaccinated or any other reason, and masks will continue to be available along with hand sanitizers throughout the church. Also, please remember we are continuing to provide streaming and Zoom so that if you are experiencing cold, flu-like, COVID or Delta variant symptoms you may engage remotely and avoid gathering together and potentially exposing others.

As we embrace these reminders and continue in our transition phase our leadership will monitor our situation and prayerfully make adjustments as needed. Please continue to pray for one another and for all our ministries as we seek to be salt and light in our lost and dark world.

Serving Christ Together With You,
Bruce Stallings



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Evangelism Training on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the FH



Come to be motivated,
challenged, and encouraged
to share your faith.

In Perspective

with Dr. Harry L. Reeder III



A thirty-minute expositional study of the Scripture.

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Pastor Reeder's
programs to add a
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Today In Perspective

A ten-minute look at current news through the lens of scripture.

Fresh Bread



A five-minute daily devotional with Harry Reeder.

Also available on



SUNDAY SERMON SERIES



This Sunday's sermon,
"My Sure Defense—
The Righteousness of Christ Alone"
from Romans 3:21–31



This Sunday's sermon,
"The Seven Marks of Progressive
Christianity—Part 2"
from I Corinthians 3:1–18

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS NEEDED

Come use your talents praising our Lord by serving on the Briarwood Praise Team.

If you would like to schedule an audition, contact John Haines
at 205-612-5199 or jhaines@briarwood.org



Please continue bringing non-perishable foods to the trailer
in Parking Lot B, Mon.–Fri. 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sundays 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
to help meet the continuing needs of our community.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – August 8, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 14:7

[All:] Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Nearer, My God, to Thee” (Adams)

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You. adapted from The Valley of Vision

Ten Minute Summer Choir

“The Solid Rock” (Mote/Bradbury)

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

[Refrain:]

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand—
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain x2)*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

***The Hymn of Ascents** *“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” Hymn 405 vv. 1, 2, 4*
*My faith has found a resting place—Not in device nor creed:
I trust the Ever-living One—His wounds for me shall plead.*

[Refrain:]

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves—This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him—He'll never cast me out. (Refrain)

My great Physician heals the sick, The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed, For me His life He gave. (Refrain)

***The Confession of Truth**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, q. 33

[Leader:] *What is justification?*

[All:] **Justification is an act of God's free grace by which He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, received by faith alone.**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness
in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

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**

*"In Christ Alone Do I Glory" Audrey Jowers and Darryl Stracner, soloists
"O the Blood" • "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*

[Solo:]

*In Christ alone will I glory, Though I could pride myself in battles won.
For I've been blessed beyond measure And by His strength alone I'll overcome.
Oh, I could stop and count successes like diamonds in my hand.
But those trophies could not equal to the grace by which I stand.*

[Chorus:]

*In Christ alone I place my trust
And find my glory in the power of the cross.
In every victory Let it be said of me,
My source of strength, My source of hope... (Repeat)*

Is Christ alone. In Christ alone.

[Praise Team:]

*O, the blood, crimson love, price of life's demand.
Shameful sin placed on Him, The Hope of every man.*

[All:] [Chorus:]

*O, the blood of Jesus washes me.
O, the blood of Jesus shed for me.
What a sacrifice that saved my life.
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.*

*Savior, Son, Holy One, slain so I can live.
O see the Lamb, the Great I AM, Who takes away my sin. (Chorus)*

*O, the blood of the Lamb! O, the blood of the Lamb!
The precious blood of the Lamb!
What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes, the blood, it is my victory.*

Oh, what love! No greater love!
Grace, how can it be that in my sin, yes, even then,
He shed His blood for me? (Chorus)

[Solo:]
*What a sacrifice that saved my life.
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.*

[All:]
Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!

[Solo:]
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow,
and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 3:21-31

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XIX. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“My Sure Defense—The Righteousness of Christ Alone”

Romans 3:21-31

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

“*In Christ Alone*” (Townend/Getty)

In Christ alone, my hope is found;
He is my Light, my Strength, my Song;
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

The Postlude

“*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*” (Thrupp)

*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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