

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 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 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**

*"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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Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.* Psalm 19:1, 2

Pray for the safety of our country and God's people as the virus continues. Pray His steady hand will be upon each of us.

Pray for Erik and Amy Veerman, church planters in Tucker, Georgia. They just celebrated their one year anniversary as a worshipping community and had 120 people join them for worship. Pray for continued fruit in the life of their congregation. (*The flag of Georgia is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Do you love people and cross cultural friendships? Consider becoming a Friendship Partner this fall to build bridges of friendship through sharing culture and experiences with an international student or scholar. This is a great opportunity for singles, couples, and families to be a part of welcoming the nations! We have an application for you to fill out and orientation on Tues., Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m. in G101 (make-up session to follow in September). Email Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org if you are interested.

Would you like to serve on the Briarwood Praise Team? Come use your talents to praise our Lord! The Worship and Music Ministry is seeking singers and instrumentalists. Contact John Haines at 205-612-5199 or jhaines@briarwood.org to schedule an audition.

Come learn how to be motivated, challenged, and encouraged to share your faith! The Evangelism Training meets on Wednesdays for two more weeks at 6:30 p.m. in the FH. No reservation needed! Remaining topics include: Sharing Your Faith in the Business World and Lifestyle Evangelism and Discipleship. Go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Phyllis Walton, Ann Parks, Cile Leach, Barbara Robinson, Jerry Minor, Frank Barker III, Louie Reese, Daniel Robinson, Phyllis Walton

We rejoice with Stephen and Sarah Boyd on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor 'Ellie' Jane, on July 31 and her grandparents Gary and Jane Boyd and Warren and Linda Smedley.

Our love and sympathy to Sharon Slay and family on the death of her father, Carlos Gomez, on July 27; to Jennifer Bailey, Cindy Humber, and Anna Beth Hild and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Chuck Bryan, on July 29; to Leigh Ann, Jennie and Robin Reese and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Mary Frances Greene, on July 30; and to Debbie Johnson and family on the death of her father, Robert Moon, on August 3.

Announcements

SLOW—Children Crossing! School opens Aug. 10...Please be very patient when traveling around perimeter road during the school year, particularly during carpool. When the carpool line has stopped on perimeter road, remember children may be crossing the crosswalk to parking lot “A” and are not visible until they reach the middle of the crosswalk. If you must pass in the “middle” lane, proceed with extreme caution at about 4 miles per hour—the safety of our children depends on it.

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

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

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.

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.

One more host home needed 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.

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—

CMMA Executive Director. Full-time position providing spiritual direction to healthcare students on campus and practitioners in the community through individual discipleship and small group studies, prioritizing missions through conference/guest speakers, coordinating various trips each year, raising needed support for the ministry to function effectively, providing training and oversight to staff associates, and serving on the Briarwood Staff Leadership Team. Interested individuals should contact Georgia Holdefer at gholdefer@briarwood.org.

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.