

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 15, 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

I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 32:1-2

[All:] Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Grace Greater than Our Sin” (Johnston)

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. from *The Book of Common Worship*

Ten Minute Summer Choir

“Nothing But the Blood” (Lowry)

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” Hymn 173

All glory, laud and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One!

The company of angels Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things Created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises—Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

***The Confession of Truth**

Colossians 1:15–18

[Leader:] *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.*

[All:] **And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**

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

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

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

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**

“Arise, My Soul, Arise” • “I Need You” • “All For Jesus”

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;

The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

[Chorus:]

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise; Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise; Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Chorus)

My God is reconciled His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh With confidence I now draw nigh
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry. (Chorus)

Lord, I come, I confess; Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart. You’re the one that guides my heart.

[Chorus:]

Lord, I need You, oh I need You; Every hour, I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

[Solo:]

*All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.*

*Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.*

[All:]

O what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

[Solo:]

I will rest beneath His wings.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 3:21-31

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XX. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"My Sure Defense: The Righteousness of God—Part 2"

Romans 3:21-31

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"To God Be the Glory" Hymn 66 v. 1

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.
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!

The Postlude

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" (Nichol)

*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! *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."* Psalm 91:1, 2

Pray for our teachers and students as they return to school. Pray for their safety, good health, and God's protection over each one of them.

Praise the Lord for a Taiwanese student in Birmingham who just became a believer after years of being disciplined. As the new semester begins, pray the the Lord would do a similar work in the lives of the other students participating in our Friendship Partners and One-on-One Bible Reading programs. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

The final Evangelism Training meets this Wed., Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the FH. Come learn how to be motivated, challenged, and encouraged to share your faith! Last topic is Lifestyle Evangelism and Discipleship. Go to briarwood.org/evangelism. No reservation needed!

Do you want to make a difference in the life of your grandchildren? We will offer a MidWeek seminar called Grandparenting Matters to help Christian grandparents find purpose and have a greater spiritual impact on their grandchildren's lives. Please register with Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org. Workbook cost: \$12.

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.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Mal Brown, Vic Clark, Carolyn Crowe, Bob Hand, Eric Messer, Betty Minderhout, Jerry Minor, Ann Parks, Barbara Robinson, Louie Reese, Daniel Robinson, Jamie Smith, Jackie VanderWoude, Phyllis Walton, Crawford Nevins

We rejoice with Carson and Abby Haley on the birth of their son, Robert Warren, on Aug. 4 and with grandparents Gene and Sharon Head, Jr. and great-grandfather Gene Head, Sr.

Our love and sympathy to Tom and Peggy Smitherman and family on the death of their granddaughter, Rosie Colburn, on Aug. 6; and to Marvin Keffer and family on the death of his mother, Rosana Keffer, on Aug. 7.

Announcements

Registration is open for the Children's Catechism Sunday School class for rising 3rd–6th graders. Class runs from September–May, requires weekly homework and memorizing, and limited to 20 participants. Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org to register.

If you are holding your child back for the 2021–22 school year, please let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Friendship Partner Orientation is Tues., 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.

SLOW—Children Crossing! School is in session...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—about 4 miles per hour—the safety of our children depends on it.

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.

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.