

# *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

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – August 22, 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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9*

### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 34:2-3

[Leader:] *My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.*

[All:] **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

*(During the Prelude all are invited to come to the Choir Loft for Ten Minute Choir.)*

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* (Bradbury)

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.*

from *The Book of Common Worship*

### Ten Minute Summer Choir

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* (Williams/Hughes)

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"My Hope Is in the Lord"* Hymn 406

My Hope is in the Lord, who gave Himself for me,  
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

[Refrain:]

For me He died, For me He lives,  
And everlasting life and light He freely gives.

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,  
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. (Refrain)

And now for me He stands Before the Father's throne,  
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own. (Refrain)

His grace has planned it all, 'Tis mine but to believe,  
And recognize His work of love and Christ receive. (Refrain)

### \*The Confession of Truth

The Solas of the Reformation

[Leader:] *Praise God for the glorious movement of the Holy Spirit with the Word of God that recaptured the Gospel of grace in the Reformation.*

[All:] Thanks be to God.

[Leader:] *Sola Scriptura*—

[All:] The Scripture alone is our only authoritative rule for faith and life.

[Leader:] *Sola Gratia*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone.

[Leader:] *Sola Fide*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone.

[Leader:] *Solus Christus*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone  
in Christ Alone.

[Leader:] *Soli Deo Gloria*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone  
in Christ Alone that we might Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a*

### 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

*"It Was Finished Upon That Cross" • "He Will Hold Me Fast"*

[Solo:]

*How I love the voice of Jesus, On the cross of Calvary;  
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me,  
Though the sun had ceased its shining, Though the war appeared as lost;  
Christ had triumphed over evil, It was finished upon that cross.*

*Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me;  
Full, the pardon He has offered; Great, the welcome that I receive.*

*Boldly I approach my Father, Clothed in Jesus' righteousness;  
There is no more guilt to carry, It was finished upon that cross.*

[All:]

Death was once my great opponent, Fear once had a hold on me;  
But the Son who died to save us, Rose that we would be free indeed! (Repeat)

Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed! Free from every plan of darkness,  
Free to live and free to love; Death is dead and Christ is risen!

It was finished upon that cross, Onward to eternal glory;  
To my Savior and my God I rejoice in Jesus' victory.  
It was finished upon that cross, It was finished upon that cross.

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[Solo:]

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

[All:] [Chorus:]

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! (Chorus)

[Solo:]

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,  
to exhortation, to teaching. 1 Timothy 4:13*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*†The New Testament Reading**

Romans 3:27-31

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

XXI. Romans in Biblical Perspective  
*The Gospel of God*

“The Righteousness of God: Ask the Pastor – Part 3”  
Romans 3:27-31

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

**The Postlude**

“Blessed Assurance” (Knapp/Crosby)

\*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](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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## EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

IX. Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective  
*Historic Biblical Christianity and Contemporary Progressive Christianity*  
“Christ's Church On Mission—On Message—In Ministry”  
Matthew 28:16-20

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* Psalm 121:1,2

Please be in prayer for the leadership of our country and the decisions they make each day. Pray for God's sovereign hand to be upon the earth at this time.

Pray for the Cuban people and for the missionaries' provision and protection in the dangerous uprising. They lack almost everything: food, medicine, data connections, and have unspeakable hospital conditions. The government takes no responsibility and is imposing more deprivations. Pray the Lord will end the protests and bring peace, justice, and wisdom. (*The flag of Cuba is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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MidWeek is back! Join us Wednesdays this fall for a night of fellowship, fun and learning. There will be opportunities and activities available to all ages including: Choir, Seminary, Evangelism Training, Bible Studies, Children and Youth Group activities, and more. Dinners at 5:30 p.m. will resume when COVID protocols allow. Activities begin at 6:30 and most end at 7:30. View all the opportunities at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek) and make nursery reservations on the Briarwood App or at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

Women, find the right fall study for you. Nine different opportunities will be offered, Monday through Friday, with morning and evening classes on books such as Ruth, John, Jude, Hosea and Genesis. A study on the Ten Commandments, and book studies on *The Wisdom of God* and *Walking Faithfully with God* will also be available. Go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) for details and to sign up now!

Children and Youth have multiple MidWeek opportunities for learning and socializing Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30. CONNECT (K4-3rd grades) meets in the Children's Auditorium. IGNITE (4th-6th grades) is held in the Gym. RAIDERS (7th and 8th graders) and BYG (9th-12 grades) are at The Barn. No reservations are required for Children's or Youth activities. See more details at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Cathy Ware, Amy Graham, Gwen Cason, Crawford Nevins, Jamie Smith, Jerry Minor, Louie Reese.

We rejoice with Nathan and Sarah McIntosh on the birth of their daughter, Lila Eden, on August 11.

Our love and sympathy to Amy Graham, Samuel, Lydia, and Rebecca on the death of their father and grandfather, Jerry Johnson, on August 12; To Lee Walker and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Walker, on August 15.

# Announcements

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/youth) prior to Aug. 25.

**Pastor's Inquirers' Class**—If you or someone you know is interested in joining Briarwood or finding out more about the PCA, the next opportunity will be August 27. Taking the class does not obligate you to join the church, but you must take it to join. Call 205.776.5208 or go to [briarwood.org/pic](http://briarwood.org/pic).

**One more host home needed for the incoming class of Briarwood Fellows!** Prayerfully consider helping this ministry. Contact Seth at [seth@briarwoodfellows.org](mailto:seth@briarwoodfellows.org) or 205-527-2411.

**Financial Peace**—Relieve money stress and kick debt once and for all! Learn how to develop a solid financial plan of having an emergency fund, paying off debt, and building savings. Registration is important. Email Dave Matthews at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

**Grandparenting Matters**—This MidWeek seminar will 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](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org). Workbook cost \$12.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jhaines@briarwood.org).

**See all the current job opportunities** for Briarwood ministries and ministry partners at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment) to find details on open positions as well as how to apply.