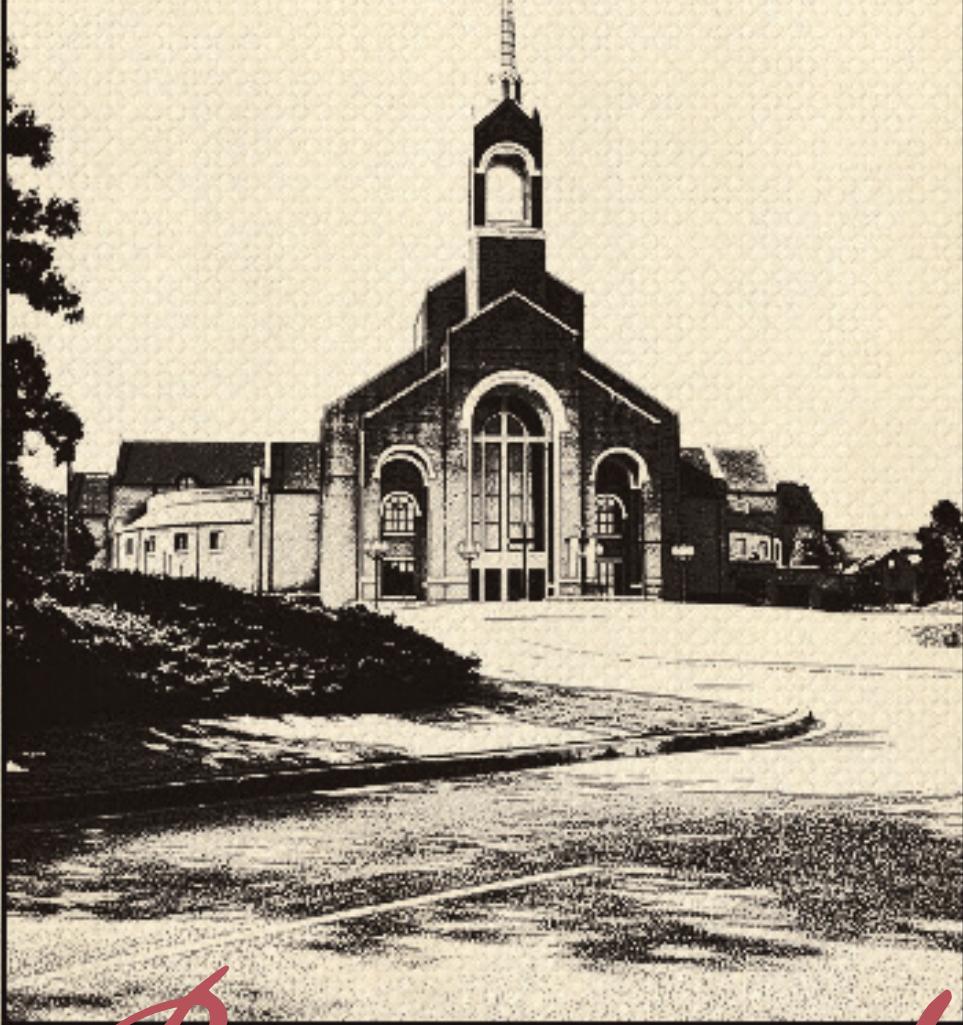


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# Celebration of Worship

## BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE OF THEOLOGY AND LIFE

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – September 5, 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

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44*

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

Psalm 8:4-5, 9

[Leader:] *What is man that You are mindful of him, and the Son of Man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.*

[All:] **O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

*(During the Prelude all are invited to come to the Choir Loft and sing with the Fall Choir.)*

#### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*Almighty and holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of Your gift of salvation. I have not loved You as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts You have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by Your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.*

#### The Invocation

#### The Gospel Word of Salvation

#### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

**\*The Hymn of Ascents**                    "All Creatures of Our God and King" Hymn 64

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

[Refrain:]

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, (Refrain)

[Women:]

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for Thy Lord to hear,

Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright,

That givest man both warmth and light, (Refrain)

[Men:]

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care, (Refrain)

[All:]

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One, (Refrain)

#### \*The Confession of Truth

Colossians 3:18-24

[Leader:] Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

[All:] Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

{All:] Thanks be to God!

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

#### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

#### 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

"Creation Sings the Father's Song" • "Our Great God"

[Praise Team:]

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn

And run the course of day Till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,

He charts the eagle's flight; Commands the newborn baby's cry.

[All/Refrain:]

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"

Fill the earth with songs of worship; Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face; The ageless One in time's embrace

Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,

Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally. (Refrain)

Creation longs for His return, When Christ shall reign upon the earth;

The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky, All heav'n will sing and earth reply

With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King! (Refrain x2)

Fill the earth with songs of worship; Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown;  
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright Seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;  
They raise their voices, day and night, in praise to You alone.

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (Repeat)

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy-his pleasure is our harm;  
Rise up, oh, Lord and he will flee before our sovereign God. (Refrain)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth.  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,  
Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word. (Refrain x2)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2*

### \*The Prayer of Illumination

### \*†The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

### The Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Jonathan Gibson

Birmingham Conference of Theology and Life

*Marriage and Sexuality*

"A Marriage Made on Earth"

Genesis 2:18-25

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3*

### \*The Pastoral Benediction

### \*The Congregational Affirmation

"This is My Father's World" Hymn 58 v. 3

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;

Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

### The Postlude

\*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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Please welcome to the pulpit Dr. Jonathan Gibson, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary. Dr. Gibson previously served as associate minister at Cambridge Presbyterian Church in England.

## Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You! Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! Psalm 141:1, 2

Pray for the families of the servicemen that were lost in the August 26 bombing during the evacuation of Kabul, Afghanistan. Pray God's sustaining love and protection over each of them as well as the Christians still in the country.

Pray for Kyle and Maggie with Navigators Military. Pray that they will help give cadets at Virginia Tech a vision for how God wants to use them to reach people for Christ all around them and equip them with the tools necessary to be able to do so. (*The flag of Virginia is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Do you need to relieve money stress and kick debt once and for all? Come to Financial Peace to learn how to develop a solid financial plan of having an emergency fund, paying off debt, and building savings. Registration is important. To register, contact themacefamily1@att.net. Registration is \$99.

How do you impact your grandchildren's lives? The Grandparenting Matters class will help you as a Christian grandparent find purpose and have a greater spiritual impact. Meets during Wednesday night MidWeek at 6:30 p.m. in G101. Workbook cost \$12. Register with Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org.

Are you adjusting to the death of a loved one? Allow GriefShare to help you in your journey from mourning to joy. Join this 13-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement to those with a hurting heart. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Workbook is \$15. Call 205-776-5227 for more information.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Donna DePrine, Crawford Nevins, Jerry Minor, Louie Reese, Cathy Ware  
Our love and sympathy to the family of member Lois Bush who died on Aug. 25; to Fisher, Canon, Collier and Lauren Smith and family on the death of their wife and mother, member Jamie Smith, on Aug. 26; to Alexis Watson and family on the death of her mother, member Angela Watson, on Aug. 27; and to Florence Salmer and family on the death of her brother, Ralph Best, on Aug. 31.

# Announcements

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**Find a fall Men or Women of the Covenant study** right for you. Women's studies begin on various days this month. You can find details for each study at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Men's studies begin the week of September 13. Find study details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Disaster Relief Fund**—To assist Hurricane Ida victims you may give directly to Briarwood's Disaster Relief Fund or to Samaritan's Purse at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**—Beginning this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Dave Matthews will lead a study of Nehemiah in A105A.

**Pastor Reeder begins a new fall evening sermon series** on September 12: God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective *Fixed Foundations*. Join us Sundays at 6:00 p.m. for this in-depth follow-up to his Progressive Christianity series and this weekend's Birmingham Conference of Theology and Life.

**Praise Team Band and Singers.** The Briarwood Worship and Music Ministry 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](mailto:jhaines@briarwood.org).

**BYG/Raiders Wednesday Nights at The Barn**—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).

**The Men's Saturday morning prayer group** is meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Building. Contact Dave Matthews for information at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

**Please continue bringing** non-perishable foods for the Community Food Drive by dropping 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.

**If you are interested in infant Baptism** in our Sunday morning services, contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or [mgathings@briarwood.org](mailto:mgathings@briarwood.org) for future available dates. Also if you are interested in a "New Believer" baptism, contact Wendy Long in the Membership Office at 205-776-5208.

## 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).

**Single's Ministry Women's Coordinator.** Full-time position. The ability to shepherd and disciple single adult women is required. For more information please submit résumé to Page Dollar at [pdollar@briarwood.org](mailto:pdollar@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.