

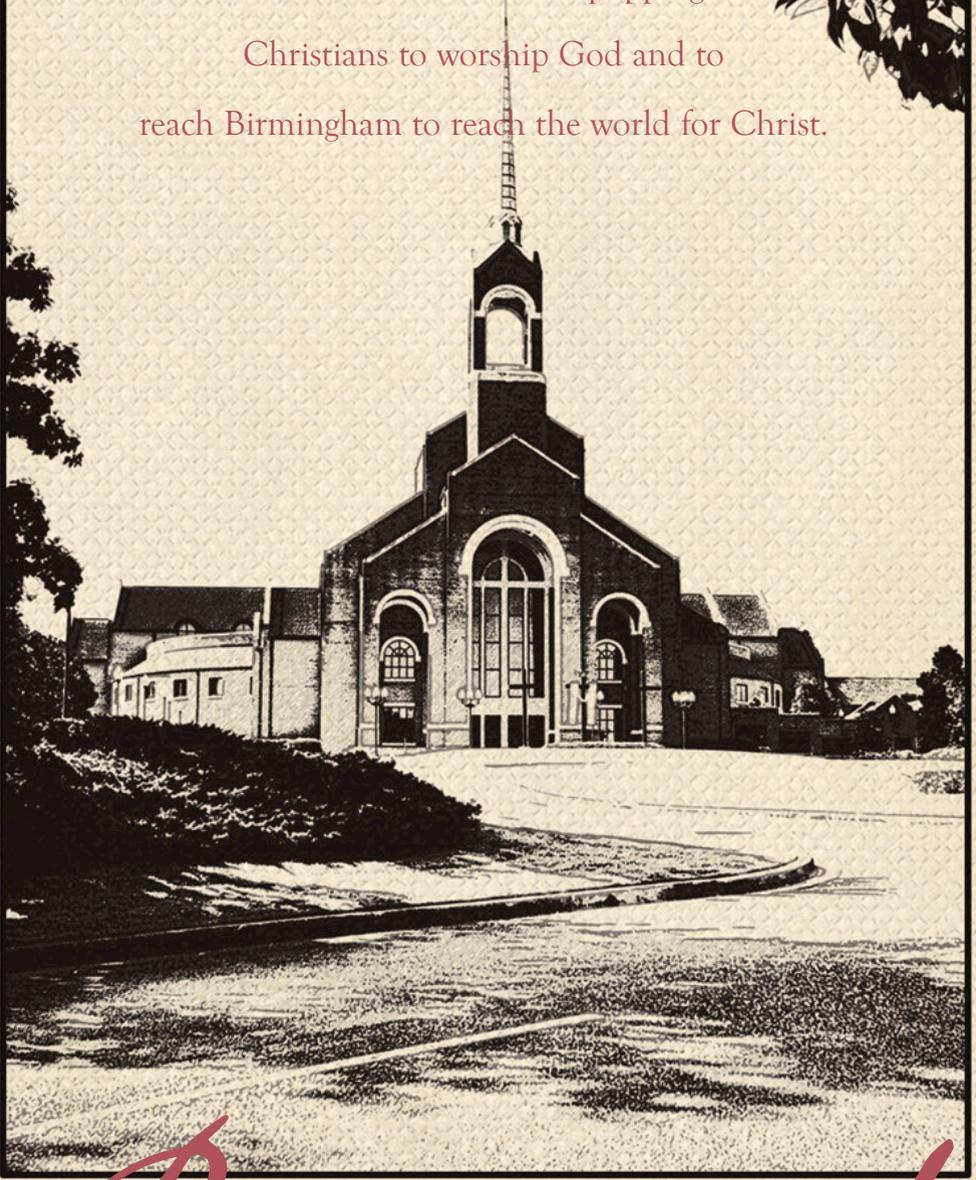


*For God's glory,*

we are committed to equipping

Christians to worship God and to

reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



*Briarwood*

Presbyterian Church, PCA



# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – September 12, 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

*For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26*

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

Psalm 62:8

[All:] Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us.

*(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

“Living Hope” (arr. Kirkland)

Briarwood Orchestra

*Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### The Sacrament of Baptism

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” (Edmunds/Grétry)

My faith has found a resting place – Not in device or 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.

My heart is leaning on the Word—The living Word of God;  
Salvation by my Savior's name—Salvation through His blood. (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)

[Choir:]

*It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

[All:] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

[All:] Thanks be to God!

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5*

### The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe 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

"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer" (orch. Haines)

[Choir:]

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love, exceeds the heaven's reach,  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,  
My highest good and my unending need.

[All:]

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Strong defender of my weary heart,  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts.  
My song, when enemies surround me,  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise.  
My joy when trials are abounding,  
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life,  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,  
In my place You suffered, bled, and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered.  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered.

You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

[Choir:]

May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 4:1-8

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

*The Gospel of God*

“The Law of Faith Expounded and Illustrated”

Romans 4:1-8

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

*“The Doxology with Alleluias”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia.

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

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## EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

I. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

*Foundations from Genesis*

“LifeViews, LifeLoves, LifeStyles and Divine Sanctities”

Genesis 1; Psalm 11

Pastor Reeder

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from You."* Psalm 16:1, 2

Pray for our Men and Women of the Covenant and other studies that meet each week. Pray for the youth ministry as they reach out and teach our young people.

Pray for the girls at Grace House as they begin a new school year to enjoy learning and excel in all that they do. Pray for the Lord to send volunteers to help with Bible studies, mentoring and other needs throughout the year. Pray also for the Grace House staff as they seek to honor the Lord through their work as they create a safe and Christian environment for the girls. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Fall is here and it is a great time to start a new study! Women of the Covenant studies begin this month on various days and times. You can find a list with details for each study online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Some of the Women's studies are also offered via Zoom. Men of the Covenant studies begin this week. There are four studies to choose, Mondays and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:45 a.m. Find study details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

If you love to sing and worship, we need you in the choir! We will teach you all you need to know. If you are an experienced orchestral instrumentalist, the orchestra has a spot for you! Contact John Haines at 205-612-5199 or [jhaines@briarwood.org](mailto:jhaines@briarwood.org) for information.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Jerry Minor, Sam Rainer, Shirley Tatum

We rejoice with Marland and Betsy Hayes on the birth of their daughter, Barbara Kathryn, on Sept. 1.

Our love and sympathy to Al Caskey and family on the death of his sister, Mae Rehm, on Aug. 31; to Graham Patterson and family on the death of his grandmother, Beverly Patterson, on Sept. 1; to Kim, Erin, Will and Ben McCown and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Jennifer Stone, on Sept. 2; to Laura Danner and family on the death of her mother, Sally See Llewlynn, on Sept. 2; to David and Marilyn Armbruster on the death of their son-in-law, Dave Conrad, on Sept. 3; to Angela Harry and family on the death of her brother, Steven Harry, on Sept. 3; to Paul Bentley and family on the death of his father, Herschel Bentley, on Sept. 6; and and to Nancy Jernigan and family on the death of her husband, member Carl Jernigan, on Sept. 7.

# Announcements

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**Children's Choirs resume Sep. 12**—Parents, please escort your children when dismissed from the evening worship service to their choir room to register: Preschool M202; 1st & 2nd grades M213; 3rd grade and up girls M208; 3rd grade and up boys M111.

**College students opportunities**—Join us for our “Going Deeper” Coed Bible study every Wednesday with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. (Sept. 15–Nov. 17). For more details, email [k.smith@briarwood.org](mailto:k.smith@briarwood.org). We also have a variety of small groups meeting. Contact Max Bunn at [mbunn@briarwood.org](mailto:mbunn@briarwood.org) or Jenna Viets at [jviets@briarwood.org](mailto:jviets@briarwood.org) to find the right one for you!

**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** tonight at 6:00 p.m.: God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective, *Foundations from Genesis*. Don't miss this in-depth follow-up to his Progressive Christianity series and last week'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).

**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).

**Community Food Drive**—Bring your non-perishable food donations to the marked trailer 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.

**Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services.** contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or [mgathings@briarwood.org](mailto:mgathings@briarwood.org) for 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).

**Nursery Administrative Supervisor.** This is a part-time job that supports the Nursery Director in all aspects of managing the Nursery. For more information contact Alison Craig at [acriag@briarwood.org](mailto:acriag@briarwood.org) or 205.776.5214.

**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.