

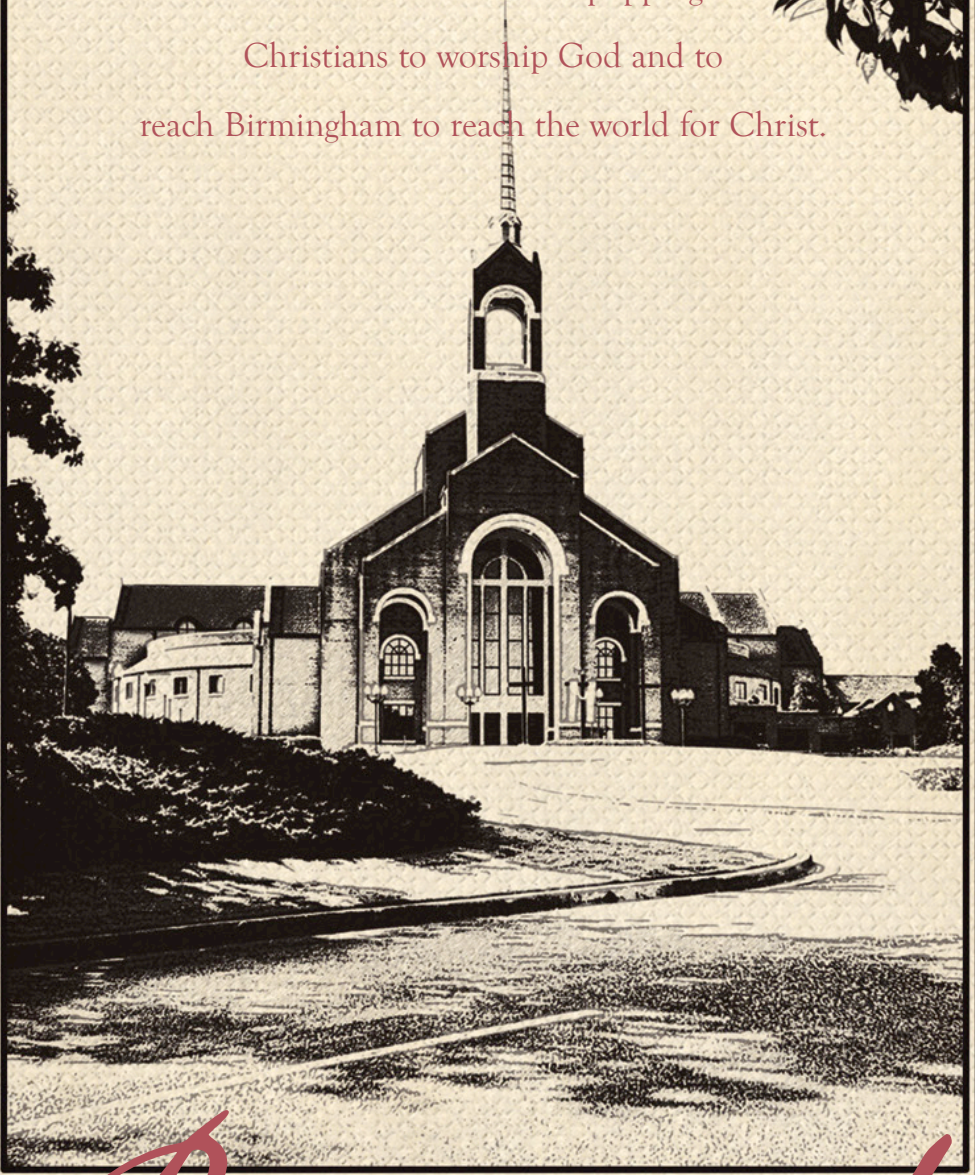


For God's glory,

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

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – September 19, 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 where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 34:22

[All:] The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

(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

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed" (Wood)

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Reception of New Members (10:50)

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"The Solid Rock" (arr. Haines)

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 darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My Anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

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)

[Choir:]

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand. Amen!

***The Confession of Truth**

Westminster Shorter Catechism q. 86

[Leader:] *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

[All:] **Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the Gospel.**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

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** "Hymn of Heaven" • "Agnus Dei"

[Praise Team:]

*How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.*

[Chorus:]

*There will be a day
When all will bow before Him.
There will be a day
When death will be no more.
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again,
Holy, Holy is the Lord.*

*Every prayer we prayed in desperation,
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear;
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears. (Chorus)*

[All:]

*And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith,
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing, "worthy is the Lamb who was slain." (Repeat)*

Forever He shall reign!

*So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar;
Glory to our God, Who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, Holy is the Lord. (Repeat)*

*Holy, Holy is the Lord;
Holy, Holy is the Lord.*

Alleluia! Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns! (Repeat)
Alleluia! Holy! Holy are You Lord, God Almighty!

Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!
You are holy! Holy are You Lord, God Almighty! (Repeat)

Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb! Amen!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 4:9-12

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXIV. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"The Gospel for the Jew and the Gentile Expounded and Illustrated"

Romans 4:9-12

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

*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

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (Gabriel)

*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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

II. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

Foundations from Genesis

"The Sanctity of Divine Revelation"

Genesis 1

Pastor Reeder

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! Come and worship our King. His life given for you brings love deeper than our understanding here on earth. Come and worship our King!

Pray for those around the world that do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Pray they will hear His voice and come to Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Praise the Lord for Fanning the Flame Coach Bobby Wilson. Pray for Bobby and his team as they work with eight different churches in Colombia, that the Holy Spirit will minister to each church giving them ears, eyes, and hearts to learn all that the Lord has prepared for them. (*The flag of Colombia is featured in today's worship service.*)

“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

The Briarwood Disaster Relief Fund is now open for those who would like to assist the victims of recent Hurricane Ida in Louisiana and Mississippi. Additionally, you can contribute to the Samaritan's Purse Ministry at samaritanspurse.org.

Come tonight to hear the second sermon in Pastor Reeder's new series, God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective: *Foundations from Genesis*. This series is a follow-up to his recently completed series on Progressive Christianity and Historic Biblical Christianity, and will help you gain further insight into God's original plan for mankind.

Children's Choirs are back, and meet during the evening worship time. Bring your children to encourage them to learn how to worship the Lord with music! Preschoolers meet in M-202, 1st and 2nd grades meet in M-213, 3rd to 6th grade boys meet in M-111, and 3rd to 6th grade girls meet in M-208.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Jerry Minor, Bill Scott, Shirley Tatum, Matt Slay, Ben Hedrick, Avery Lyle, Carol Graves

Our love and sympathy to Renee and Ryan Steeley and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Lois Nestor, on Sept. 9; to Charlene Yates and family on the death of her father, Billy Bowen on Sept. 11; and to Stephen Brown and family on the death of his father, Jim Brown, on Sept. 12.

Announcements

It's not too late to join a fall men's or women's study! Find a list of women's studies at different days and times, as well as some offered by Zoom at briarwood.org/women. The four options for the men's studies are listed at briarwood.org/men. All men's studies are available via Zoom.

Still looking for a MidWeek opportunity? Go to briarwood.org/midweek to find all the information on the classes in-person and Zoom, nursery sign up, and more.

Briarwood Ballet—There's still room this fall in our pre-school division. Come dance with us! Go to briarwoodballet.com or call 205-776-5284.

Health Care Workers—If you are in the health care profession, Briarwood members would like to remember you in our prayers. To be assured that your name is included on our prayer list, please send an email to pclaud@briarwood.org.

College students opportunites—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. We also have a variety of small groups meeting. Contact Max Bunn at mbunn@briarwood.org or Jenna Viets at jviets@briarwood.org to find the right one for you!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Dave Matthews leads a study of Nehemiah in A105A on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Briarwood Choir and Orchestra—If you love to sing and worship, come join the Sanctuary Choir! We meet every Wed. night at 6:30 in the Choir Room on the second floor behind the Worship Center. The Briarwood Orchestra is also seeking instrumentalists. Contact Chris at cneugent@briarwood.org for information.

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.

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 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—

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.

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.

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 or 205-776-5214.

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.