

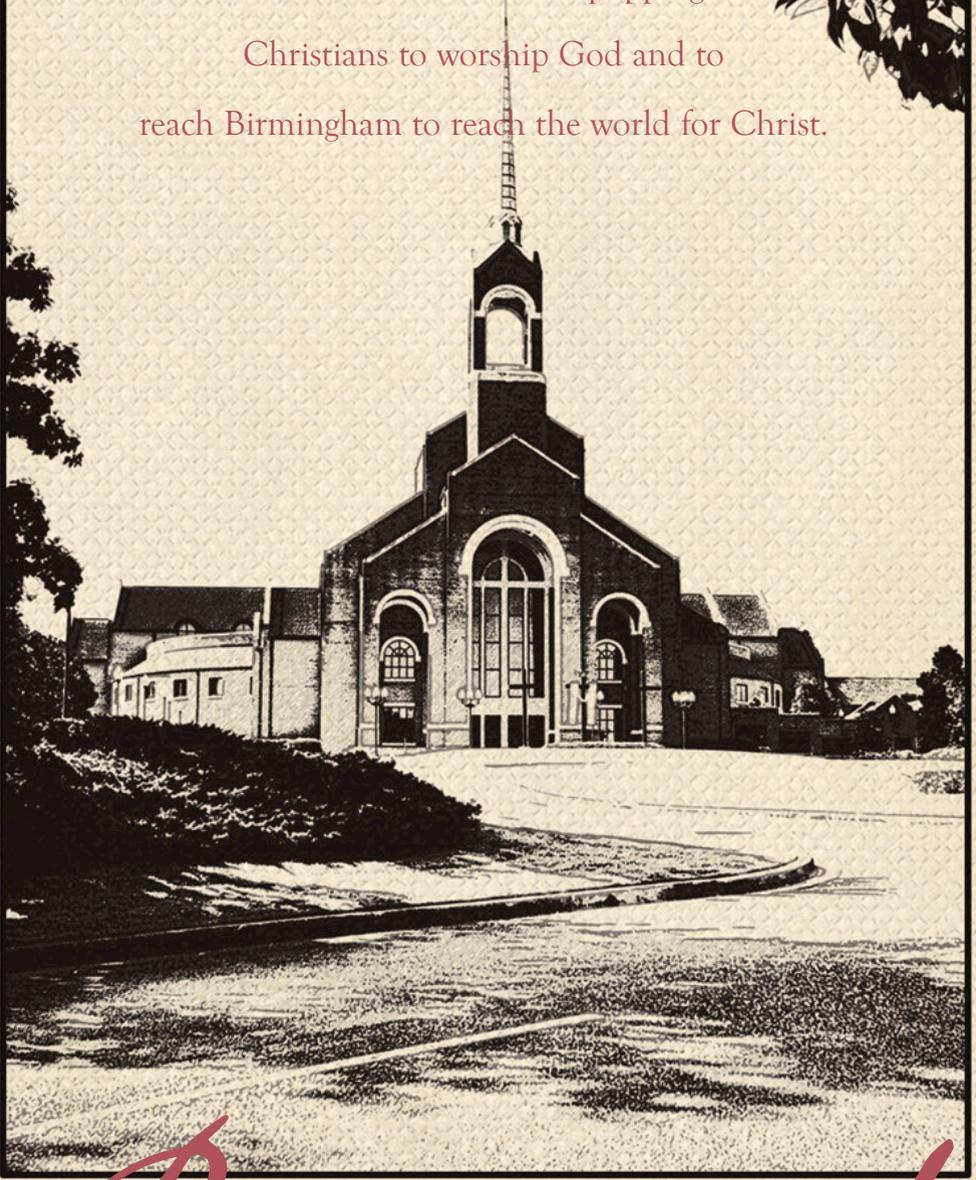


For God's glory,

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 – October 3, 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

'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 62:5-7

[Leader:] *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

[All:] **On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (arr. Berg)
Sanctuary Choir

O Great I am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"In Christ Alone" (Townend/Getty)

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

[Leader:] *What is justification?*

[All:] **Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

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**

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King" • "Before the Throne of God Above"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;
Now Your grace is always with me, And I'll never be alone.

[Chorus:]

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;
Come Thou Fount of our blessing;
Come, Thou Fount, come Thou King, Come,
Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride,
to You we sing; Come,
Thou Fount of our blessing.

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. (Chorus)

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood.

My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God. (Repeat)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-5

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXVI. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“The Gospel Blessings of Justification by Faith Alone”

Romans 5:1-5

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

*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

“He Leadeth Me” (Bradbury)

*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.

IV. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

Foundations from Genesis

“Foundation #2: The Sanctity of God—Part 2”

Genesis 1

Pastor Reeder

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.* Proverbs 3:5, 6

Pray for good health and protection from the virus for the children and teachers throughout America. For those who have tested positive, pray for their healing.

Pray for Urban Hope Community Church, who had their new church building grand opening yesterday. And also pray for their first worship service in the building today. Pray for the transition to this building and all the logistics that go into a move like this. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Have you considered becoming a member of Briarwood? Our next Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members will be this weekend, Oct. 8-10. It includes a Fri. evening, Sat. morning and Sun. morning class, and a luncheon on Oct. 17 for those who are joining the church. Attending these classes does not obligated you to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, email wlong@briarwood.org.

Bring a friend and start a conversation about Christ at an upcoming Business Leaders event! The YBL Fall Breakfast is Fri., Oct. 8 from 6:30-7:45 a.m. at the Harbert Center. Guest speaker, Alan Barnhart, donated his company to National Christian Foundation for Kingdom work. Hear his family story and journey of stewardship. Tickets \$20/seat, \$150/table of 8 at ybl.org/event/ybl-fall-breakfast-with-alan-barnhart. Join WBL for the Annual Faith & Work Luncheon Fri., Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at The Club. Cindi Filer, CEO and Owner of Innovative Outsourcing, will share about the surprising power of leading with gratitude. Her experience serving hundreds of small businesses as well as leading small groups and young professionals at her church will demonstrate how to develop the game-changing skill of giving thanks. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Parents of 4th-6th graders pray and discuss with your child about attending the Youth & Children's Communicant Class and becoming a communing member of the church. The class will be offered Wed., Oct. 13 and 20 with students joining in Nov. There will be a parent's meeting this Wed., Oct. 6. For questions or to sign up your child, e-mail Page Dollar at pdollar@briarwood.org.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Sandy Bell, Bill Fox, Vivien Herren, Avery Lyle, Amy Pylant, Don Rollins, Matt Slay, Bev Bentley

Our love and sympathy to Bobbi Scruggs and family on the death of her grandmother, Nira Hyde, on Sept. 25; and to Ray Richards and family on the death of his wife, member Bonnie Richards, on Sept. 27.

Announcements

Ministry Safe—Briarwood hosts Kimberlee Norris of Ministry Safe for Sexual Abuse Awareness Training on Oct. 12 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. This training covers sexual abuse and abusers, offender characteristics and grooming process, and more taken from actual cases in evangelical ministry contexts. Open to all; for more information and to signup, go to briarwood.org/ministrysafe.

Our Fishing Pond is Overstocked! Briarwood members are invited to come Oct. 9–23 to fish at the pond across from the Youth Barn any day, Mondays through Saturdays. No license is required. Go to briarwood.org/pond for details. No Sunday fishing!

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 opportunities—Join us for our “Going Deeper” Coed Bible study every Wednesday with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. 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!

Grandparenting Matters—A new 6-week MidWeek seminar begins Oct. 13. Learn how to have a spiritual impact on your grandchildren. Please register with Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org, or call Michael Wichlan at 205-776-5211.

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 p.m. 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.

New Job openings—

Board Directed Ministries Administrative Assistant. Part-time position as office manager, facilitating communication and providing administrative support (assisting with scheduling, event planning, project management, and organizational logistics). This individual will exhibit integrity, administrative initiative, good judgment, confidentiality, strong time management skills, and flexibility. Contact Jim Alexander at jalexander@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.

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.