

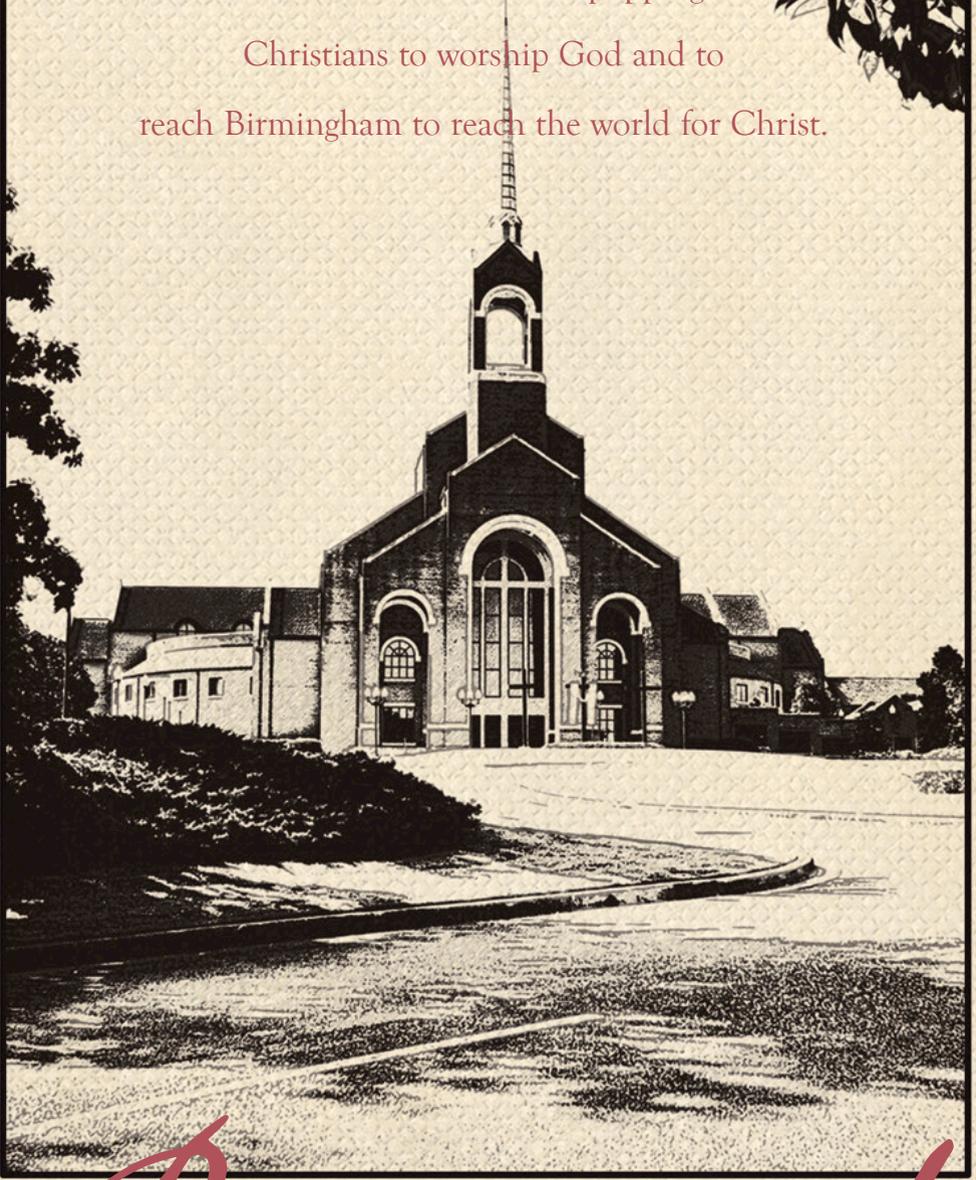


For God's glory,

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 17, 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 will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 19:1, 14

[Leader:] *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.*

[All:] **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Come People of the Risen King" (Getty/Townend)
Sanctuary Choir

Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as "living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship." Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 228

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:

[Refrain:]

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above: (Refrain)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n: (Refrain)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up To their eternal home: (Refrain)

*The Confession of Truth

Matthew 5:11; Philippians 4:4-5; 1:29

[Leader:] *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

[All:] **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.**

[Leader:] *For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake.*

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

[All:] **Thanks be to God!**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

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

"Creation Sings the Father's Song" (Getty/Townend)

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" (Getty/Kauflin)

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.

[Chorus:]

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. (Chorus)

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! (Chorus x2)

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

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

[Chorus:]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

And we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus x2)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXVIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"Five Legacy Gospel Blessings of Justification by Faith—Part 3"

Romans 5:1-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" Hymn 175 v. 5

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring,

Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

The Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation" (Wesley)

*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.

VI. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

Foundations from Genesis

"Foundation #4: the Sanctity of Man—Male and Female

Genesis 1-2

Pastor Reeder

Prayers *and* Praises

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121:5-8

Pray for the health of those who are affected by the COVID virus and their families.

Praise the Lord for Fanning the Flame coach Richard Verreyne. Pray for God to guide him as he coaches, plans for future conferences, and works with church leaders throughout South Africa. May he encourage them to recognize the value of church revitalization and how to implement it in their churches. (*The flag of South Africa is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Our National Ministries Conference is October 24-25. Come hear our speaker, Dr. Richard D. Phillips, as well as Briarwood Ministry Partners from around the United States. Dr. Phillips is Senior Minister of Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina, and chairman of the Philadelphia Conference of Reformed Theology and Gospel Reformation Network.

You will not want to miss the testimonies of our Ministry Partners. These Ministry Glimpses will be shared during our worship services and during the Congregational Communities. This is a time to learn more about the heart of these ministries. For the full conference schedule and details, go to briarwood.org/nmc.

We are so excited to host the SHINE ministry conference for our Briarwood children which will be held during all the adult sessions of the conference. We will have a Mini-SHINE experience for K4, K5 and TK in the Nursery. Grades 1-6 will meet for SHINE in the Children's Auditorium. There will be games, singing, missionary speakers and prayer time for our National Ministry Partners and missions. We'd love to have your children join us. Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and Monday at 6:30 p.m. Make reservations for Mini-SHINE and Nursery at briarwood.org/nursery.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Jack Bailey, Bev Bentley, Avery Lyle, John Murphy

We rejoice with Ben and Samantha Youngblood on the birth of their son, Grayson Thomas, on Oct. 6 and with grandparents Benny and Belinda Youngblood.

Our love and sympathy to Chris and Steven Linden and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Michael Anthony Linden, on Sept. 2; to Frank, Lucy and Walter Vetrano and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Vinzine Vetrano, on Oct. 5; to Tiffany, Cal, Luke, Grey and Livi Reebals and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Mary Lynne Garner, on Oct. 8; and to Sharon, Parker and Patrick Slay and family on the death of their husband and father, member Matt Slay, on Oct. 1.

Announcements

MidWeek each week begins with dinner in the FH! Come fellowship with your church family and then attend a class at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are needed by Tues. at noon. Reservations can be made at briarwood.org/dinner. The Bookstore is open until 6:30 p.m.

Trailblazers Trip—Alabama Veterans Memorial Park on Fri., Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for the tour and lunch. Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-706-5320.

Nehemiah Day—Sun., Oct. 31 from 3:00–7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Join us for a season of focusing on the Word, meditation, worship, reflection, and intercessory prayer—concluding with the observance of the Lord's Supper. All 1st–6th grade children will meet in the Children's Auditorium for Children's Nehemiah Day and dinner. Make Nursery reservations at briarwood.org/nursery or on the Briarwood App.

Every Member Commitment (EMC) is our annual event in the fall allowing church members to declare their support in the work of the Lord with their gifts and service in the coming calendar year. Convocation Sunday will be Oct. 31, Commitment Sunday will be Nov. 7, and Canvass Sunday will be Nov. 14.

Trailblazers Breakfast—Come hear NavLife presentation (personal crisis management plan) on Tues., Nov. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in FH-C&D. Cost is \$3 for biscuit and coffee. Tickets online at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Christmas at the Caroline House—Nov. 15–17. Kickoff with Sophie Hudson will be Mon., Nov. 15 with House Tours Tue., Nov. 16 and Wed., Nov. 17. Go to briarwood.org/cch for details and tickets. Make plans to attend and bring a friend or two to these events!

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

Grandparenting Matters—A new 6-week MidWeek seminar begins this Wed., 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 A-105-A 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.

It's not too late and the perfect time to join! Come sing with the Sanctuary Choir this fall and help lead worship on Sundays as well as sing in the Christmas Pageant this December. Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room located behind the Worship Center on the second floor. No experience necessary!

New Job openings—

Communications Director. This full-time position will oversee all aspects of communications at Briarwood, to include print, broadcast, A/V and internet. Strong English language and writing skills are essential as well as basic knowledge of Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud software. Interested persons should submit their résumé to Matt Moore at mmoore@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.