

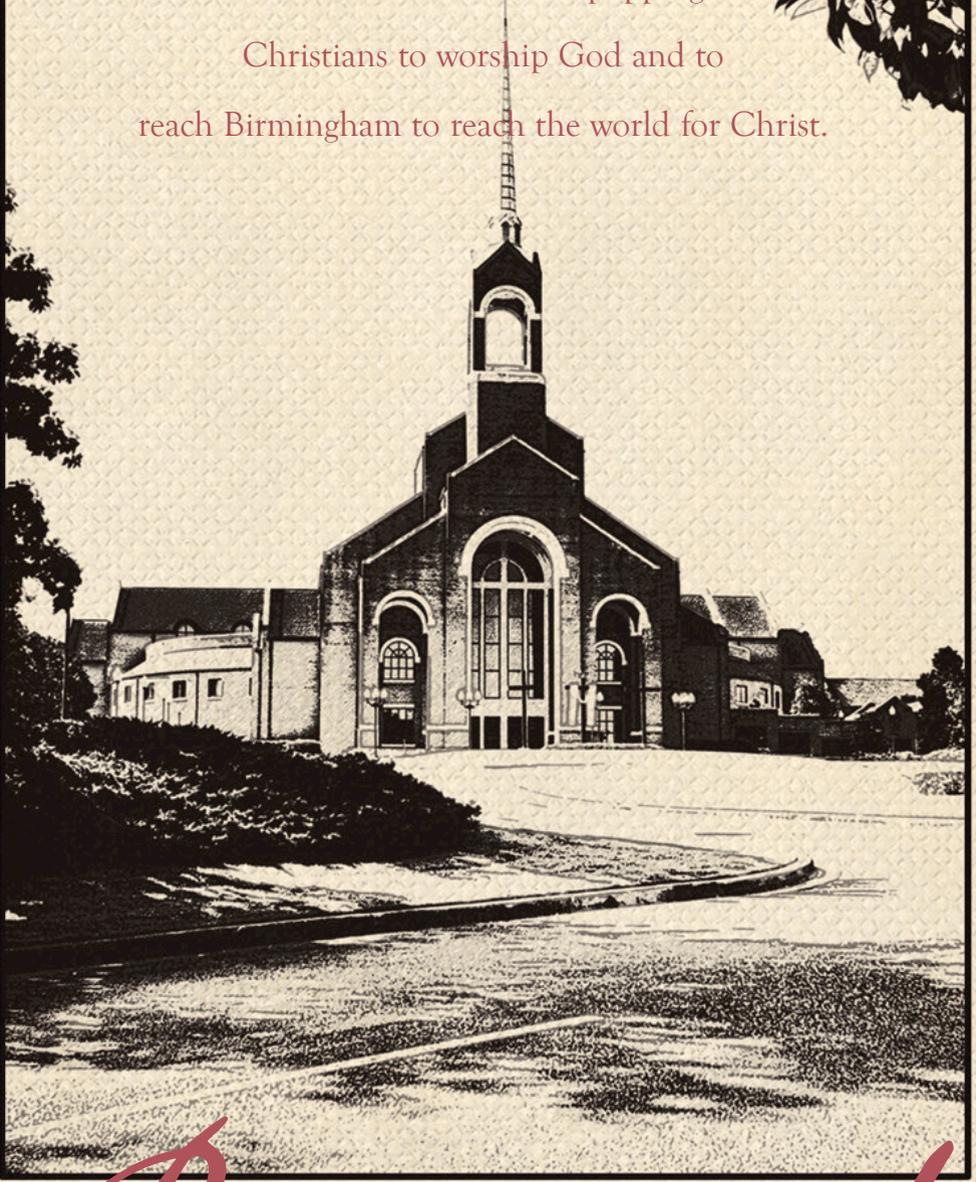


For God's glory,

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

NATIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE
MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 24, 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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 86:8-9

[Leader:] *There is none like You among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like Yours.*

[All:] **All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O LORD, and shall glorify Your name.**

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Psalm 19” (Marcello)

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

“Rise Up, O Church of God” Hymn 293

Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O Church of God! His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O sons of God! The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task, Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!

*The Confession of Truth

Galatians 6:9-10

[Leader:] *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

[All:] **So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

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

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

The National Ministries Partners

The Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

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 Church Arise" • "Across the Lands" • "Show us Christ"

O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations.

[Chorus:]

Arise, shine, for Your light has come. Arise, shine, for the risen Son.
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, O Church, arise.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

(Chorus x2)

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

[Refrain:]

You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting vict'ry from the grave—
And ascended into Heaven, Leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation—You are leading sinners home! (Refrain)

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground, Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us; Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear, Lead us in Your truth.

[Chorus:]

Show us Christ, show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word.
Until every heart confesses: Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave.
Riches for the needy soul, come speak to us today. (Chorus)

Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life. (Repeat)

Show us Christ, show us Christ; Show us Christ, O God, show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word.
Until every heart confesses: Christ is Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Luke 4:14-21

The Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

2021 National Ministries Conference

The Harvest Awaits
"Jesus the Missionary"
Luke 4:14-21

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6

*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

"St. John's Chorale" (arr. Scott)

*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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Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD! Psalm 117:1, 2

Pray for hearts throughout our country to awaken to the love of Jesus and receive Him as their personal Lord and Savior.

Pray the Lord will prepare our hearts as Dr. Richard Phillips preaches from the Word of God. Pray also for our 15 visiting missionaries as they share what the Lord is doing in their ministries throughout our country.

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Don't miss the continuation of the National Ministries Conference tonight and tomorrow. Come hear Dr. Richard D. Phillips as well as Briarwood Ministry Partners from around the United States. Our children will attend SHINE (grades 1-6) in the Children's Auditorium or Mini-SHINE (K4, K5 and TK) in the Nursery. Make reservations for Mini-SHINE and Nursery at briarwood.org/nursery.

Be in prayer for our annual Every Member Commitment (EMC) and how the Lord is leading you to support His work with your gifts and service. Plan to attend the EMC Convocation on Sun., Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.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 during the Nehemiah Day service on Sun., Oct. 31 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. 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.

Pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child's life with the love of Jesus! Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available in the Ministries Lobby next Sun., Oct. 31 and Nov. 7. Return then by Sun., Nov. 14 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. If you would like to build a box online (\$25) instead of packing a physical box, go to briarwood.org/childrensoutreach and follow the link.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Bev Bentley, Bill Feist, Bobbie Johnston, Avery Lyle, Lynn McWaters, Amy Pylant, Sandra Shamblin, Hadden Smith III

Our love and sympathy to Kelley Smith and family on the death of his wife, member Lillie Smith, on Oct. 15.

Announcements

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.

Trailblazers Operation Christmas Child Box Party—Fri. Nov. 5 at 9:00 a.m. in FH. Local OCC representative will share shoebox stories. Bring items to help pack 100 boxes. Boxes and Chick-Fil-A biscuits will be provided. Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org to sign up.

Briarwood Ballet Immanuel presents a concert of worship, *You Called My Name—through His stories, we hear His call*, on Fri., Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Admission is free.

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!

Grandparenting Matters—Learn how to have a spiritual impact on your grandchildren. Register with Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org, or call Michael Wichlan at 205-776-5283.

I Cared Enough—Help Daniel Cason Ministries feed families in 25 of Birmingham's poorest communities. Find out how to donate your time and money to help for this Thanksgiving event at danielcason.org or 205-365-1800.

Opportunity to host a family! Many international families in our Briarwood ESL program have never been to an American's home for a meal, and we want to change this. Sign up today to host one of our international families for a Thanksgiving meal sometime this November by emailing Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org.

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.

Come sing with the Sanctuary Choir this fall! Help lead worship on Sundays as well as sing in the December Christmas Pageant. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the second floor behind the Worship Center. Go to signupforchoir.com for more.

27th Annual Meadow Brook Runs—Sat., Dec. 18 to benefit the Jesus Video Project of Alabama. Start times: 5K at 9:00 a.m. and 1-mile Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. Walkers and pets on leash welcome. Go to meadowbrookruns.org.

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.

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.