

# THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• NOVEMBER 5, 2021 •

## *Walk Through* NATIVITY

BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come! This Christmas Season, join our Church Family to proclaim Jesus, by serving in the Walk Through Nativity 2021. We will come together on December 8, 9 and 10 for a dramatic presentation of the life of Jesus Christ from His birth to His resurrection. Each year we have around 7,000 people attend to hear the Gospel as they walk through the 12 scenes with live actors and animals depicting the Story of Christ.

We need you to join the 700 volunteers to make this another successful year. There is a place for everyone: we need actors, costume dressers, greeters, parking attendants, scene builders and more. You have the opportunity to work one night and impact many lives with the Gospel. We have seen children and adults impacted deeply for our Lord through this outreach event. Some have come to know Christ as a result. Others have attended and heard the Gospel of Christ for the first time. It is also a great opportunity for you to build relationships with others in our Church family and to establish a meaningful tradition with your friends and family. Come join us by signing up today at [briarwood.org/nativity](http://briarwood.org/nativity), by calling 205-776-5282, by dropping by the Membership Office (A101) and filling out a form, or using the Briarwood App under More/Online Forms.

Whether or not you volunteer, please plan to attend the Walk Through Nativity. Use this as an outreach event and invite your friends and neighbors. You can use the post cards available to invite them and even place a pre-made sign in your yard. Let's join together to proclaim Christ through the Walk Through Nativity 2021!



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# Time to get Shopping!

Briarwood joins with Prison Fellowship to support Angel Tree, which enables children of prisoners to receive Christmas gifts.

Angel Requests will be available Sun., Nov. 7 and 14 in the Chapel Lobby and in front of the Bookstore. Return your gifts by Sun., Nov. 21.

Make online donations at [briarwood.org/childrensoutreach](http://briarwood.org/childrensoutreach).



Pick up your Shoeboxes this Sun., Nov. 7 in the Ministries Lobby; return boxes Nov. 14 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway.

If you would like to build a box online (\$25), go to [briarwood.org/childrensoutreach](http://briarwood.org/childrensoutreach).



## Daylight Saving Time Ends—

A reminder that this Sat. night, Nov. 6, clocks should be set back one hour before going to bed.

## EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT PLEDGE SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Be in prayer for how the Lord is leading you to support His work with your gifts and service. Turn in your pledge card in this Sunday's services or online at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

## *the Persecuted Church*

Sat., Nov. 6 from 8:30–10:00 a.m. in the FH

Come learn about and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

**PURCHASE POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**  
DEDICATE A POINSETTIA IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL, AND HELP DECORATE THE WORSHIP CENTER FOR CHRISTMAS.

COST: \$20 PER PLANT/DEDICATION

ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE,  
OR PURCHASE ONLINE AT [BRIARWOOD.ORG/POINSETTIA](http://BRIARWOOD.ORG/POINSETTIA).



## CHRISTMAS AT THE CAROLINE HOUSE

November 15–17

### KICKOFF WITH SOPHIE HUDSON

Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m.

### HOUSE TOURS

Tues., Nov. 16 & Wed., Nov. 17  
from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

\$5 tickets available in the Bookstore or at [briarwood.org/cch](http://briarwood.org/cch).

Do your Christmas shopping at the Briarwood Christian Bookstore!

Monday–Friday  
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Sunday  
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.





# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 7, 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

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44*

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

Psalm 24:1

[All:] The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Give Me Jesus" (Spiritual)

*Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but rule over me in liberty and power.* adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymns of Ascents

"May Jesus Christ Be Praised" Hymn 87 vv. 1, 6

"Fairest Lord Jesus" Hymn 88 vv. 1, 4 • "Our Great Savior"

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries, May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair, May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine, May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th'eternal song Through all the ages long, May Jesus Christ be praised!

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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son:  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive You, More than all in You I find,  
You have granted me forgiveness, I am Yours, and You are mine.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, You are with me to the end.

[Choir:]

*He is with me to the end. Amen.*

## \*The Confession of Truth

I Peter 4:7-11

[Leader:] *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

[All:] **As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:**

[Leader:] *Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

[All:] **To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

## The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

## 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 Musical Offering of Worship

"This Is My Father's World" (arr. Haines)

[Choir:]

*This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas -His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*

[All:]

*This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heav'n be one.*

## \*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*"Build My Life" • "Take My Life and Let it Be" Hymn 379 vv. 1, 4, 6*  
Worthy of every song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You.

Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only One who could ever save.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You, we live for You.

[Chorus:]

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder.  
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart,  
And lead me in Your love to those around me.*

Worthy, worthy of every song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You, we live for You.

Jesus, the name above every other name.  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You, oh, we live for You. (Chorus)

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken. (Repeat x2) (Chorus)

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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine – It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart—it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal Throne.

## 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**

I Corinthians 4:1

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

IX. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective

*Lifestyle Stewardship*

"Found Faithful"

I Corinthians 4:1

## 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 Receiving of Pledges**

"I Will Offer Up My Life" (Redman)  
Elizabeth Jordan, soloist

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

"All For Jesus!" (Trinity)

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs,  
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

**The Postlude**

"Lift High the Cross" (Newbolt)

\*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.

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