

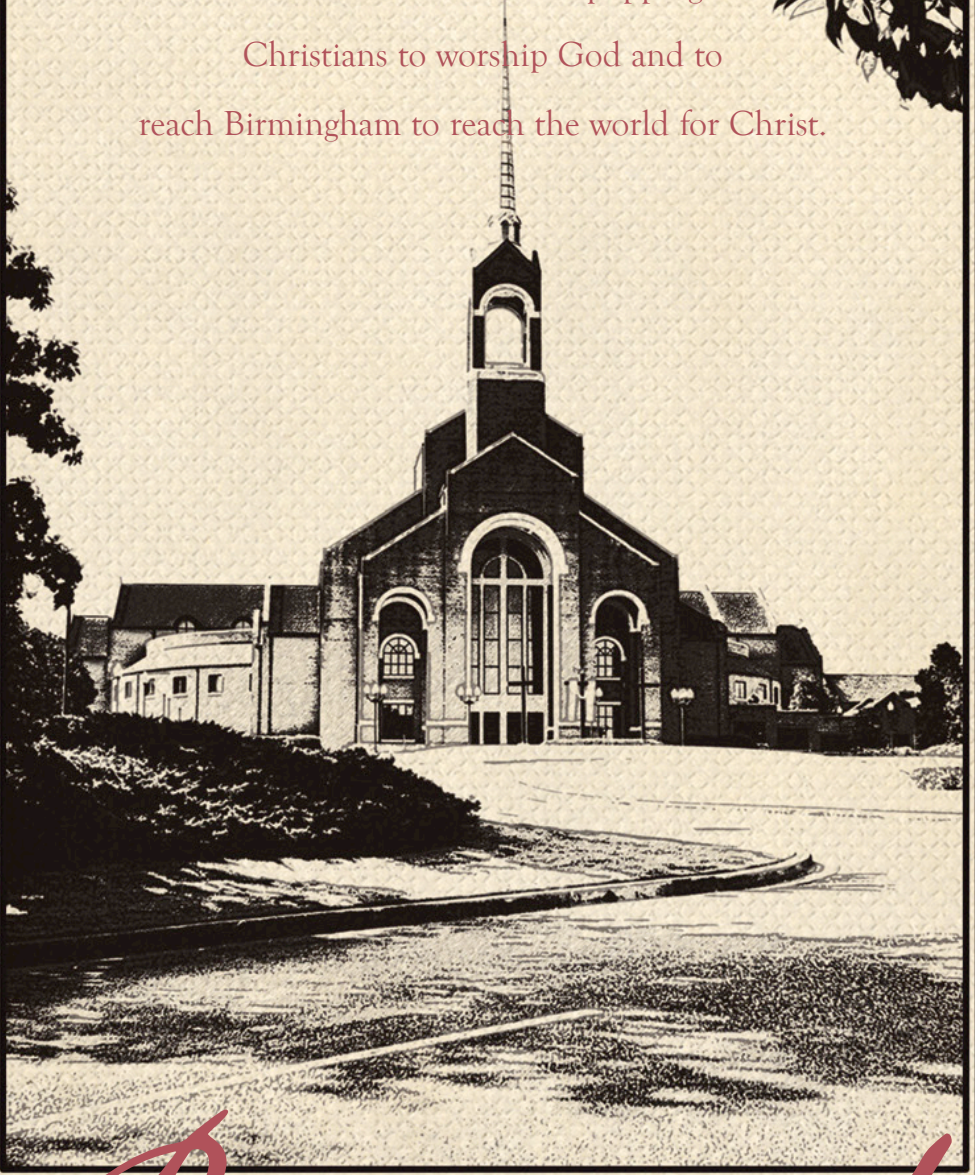


*For God's glory,*

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

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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 Tithes 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'r,  
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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# Prayers *and* Praises

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*Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Psalm 148:1, 2*

Pray for Christmas at the Caroline House, November 15–17. Keep Sophie Hudson in your prayers as she shares with us on Monday evening. Pray for those coming to see the Caroline House and for the many opportunities available to share Jesus.

With Thanksgiving only a few weeks away, pray that the Lord would be preparing the hearts of the international students at UAB who will get to celebrate in American homes. Pray that they would witness a love and thankfulness that they have never seen, and that their eyes would be opened to the Gospel that underlies it all. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Get your tickets now for the annual women's Christmas at the Caroline House. Kickoff with Sophie Hudson will be Mon., Nov. 15. The House Tours are Tue., Nov. 16 and Wed., Nov. 17. For details, go to [briarwood.org/cch](http://briarwood.org/cch). \$5 tickets are available in the Bookstore or online. Invite your friends to attend this outreach holiday event.

Come claim your Angel Tree "Angel" today and next Sun., Nov. 14 from displays in the Chapel and Bookstore area. We can also do the shopping for you if you would like to make a contribution by mailing (Attn: Missions Dept./Angel Tree) a check made out to Briarwood OR use the form at [briarwood.org/childrensoutreach](http://briarwood.org/childrensoutreach). Checks or online donations are needed by next Sun., Nov. 14. Gifts are due Nov. 21. Contact Jenny Allen at 205-776-5404 or [jallen@briarwood.org](mailto:jallen@briarwood.org) for more information.

Pack your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child's life with the love of Jesus! Return boxes Nov. 14 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. You can also go to [briarwood.org/childrensoutreach](http://briarwood.org/childrensoutreach) to build a box (\$25) online. Boxes available today in the Ministries Lobby.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Bev Bentley, Ruth Brannon, Bobbie Johnston, Avery Lyle, Bill Moulton, Hadden Smith

We rejoice with Brad and Holly Nichols on the birth of their daughter, Mary Hollyn, on Oct. 21, and with grandparents Jim and Carolyn Bradford and great-grandparents Tom and Mary Anne Bradford and Wayne and Virginia Pressgrove; and with Josh and Beth Anne Lee on the birth of their daughter, Ellen Elisabeth, on Nov. 1, and with Mark and Darby Travers and great-grandparents Chuck and Alene Morgan.

Our love and sympathy to Glenn Hodge and family on the death of his brother, Lee Roy Hodge, on Oct. 30; to Jane Pavel and family on the death of her husband, member Don Pavel, on Oct.31; to Ashley, Wright, Mary Glenn and Will Draper and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Sandra Shamblin, on Nov. 1; and to Leila Brazeal, Bobby, Sylvia, Jacob and Virginia Welch and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Leila Welch, on Nov. 2.

# Announcements

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**Every Member Commitment (EMC) Pledge Sunday** is today. Be in prayer for how the Lord is leading you to support His work through the church 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 Walk Through Nativity** is looking for you—actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene builders and more! We need volunteers to serve Dec. 8-10 from 6:45-8:45 p.m. Sign up today—call 205-776-5251; visit [briarwood.org/nativity](http://briarwood.org/nativity); or go to More/Forms on the Briarwood App. There's a place for everyone.

**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).

**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](http://danielcason.org) or by calling 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](mailto:cbrown@briarwood.org).

**Come shop this Christmas at the Briarwood Christian Bookstore**—The hours open are weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call 205-776-5210, or visit [briarwood.org/bookstore](http://briarwood.org/bookstore).

**The Session has called Congregational Meetings** for Sun., Dec. 5 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2024 and Sun., Dec. 12 for the purposes of receiving the 2022 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on Dec. 5. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:50 a.m. service. There will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. in the Worship Center on Dec. 5 to receive the 2022 budget.

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

**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](mailto:jhaines@briarwood.org).

**Come sing with the Sanctuary Choir!** 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](http://signupforchoir.com) for more.

**Nursery needs bags**—We are in desperate need of your Walmart/Publix type plastic bags. Please leave them anytime at/on the brown Nursery desk in the Chapel Lobby.

**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](mailto:mmoore@briarwood.org).

**See all the current job opportunities** for Briarwood ministries and ministry partners at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment) to find details on open positions as well as how to apply.