

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• NOVEMBER 12, 2021 •

Our annual Christmas at the Caroline House is more than a fun program and a pretty house! The focus is to provide an easy and relaxed opportunity where we can invite our non-believing family and friends to an event where they will enjoy themselves and be exposed to the Gospel. This year the format is a bit different but the outreach, gospel focus has not changed. Your \$5 ticket, which can be purchased online or in the Bookstore, provides you access to both the Program and one Caroline House Tour.



Our Kick-Off event on Monday Night, Nov. 15 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) will be held in the Worship Center and will provide a fun and relaxing evening with our speaker, Sophie Hudson, who will delight us with her story telling and will also give a clear presentation as to WHO we are celebrating at Christmas and why. Fun musical presentations

and fantastic giveaways from area businesses will round out the evening.

The self-guided Caroline House tours will be held on Tue., Nov. 16 and Wed., Nov. 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. As you tour the House, you will be inspired by the beautiful decorations and you will see artwork woven throughout the House which walks through the gospel story. You will receive a House Tour booklet with devotionals corresponding to the gospel pictures in each room. Our desire is that when you and your guests leave the House you will take with you further devotional opportunities to prepare your heart for the Christmas season.

One final item: Monday night we ask that you would bring a stamped Christmas card for our shut-ins.

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WORSHIPING THE LORD TOGETHER THROUGH GIVING

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2022

EMC CANVASS SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Please make your commitment plans for 2022 known by turning in your pledge card in this Sunday's morning services, bringing it to the Accounting Office during business hours, or submitting the online form at briarwood.org/emc.

Church officers will reach out to members who have not otherwise contacted the church on Sunday afternoon.

Walk Through NATIVITY

We are looking for actors, costumers,
parking attendants, scene builders and more!
There is something for everyone to do!

Sign up today—call 205-776-5251;
visit briarwood.org/nativity;
or go to More/Forms on the Briarwood App.

Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
December 8, 9, 10
6:45–8:45 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get Shopping—Turn in Your Gifts!



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

Pick up your Angel Request THIS Sun., Nov. 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.

Gift delivery and Party helpers needed! Contact Jenny at jallen@briarwood.org.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

Service of Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 21 • 6:00 p.m.

To include a time of reflection of thankfulness from members of the congregation.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 14, 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

For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 145:4

**[All:] One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare
Your mighty acts.**

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Simple Gifts/Amazing Grace” (Shaker Tune)

*Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts
vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my
infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my
strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender
of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the
blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.* adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymns of Ascents

“How Firm a Foundation” (arr. Haines)

[Choir:]

How firm a Foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

[All:]

How firm a Foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

[Women:]

“Fear not, I am with Thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

[Men:]

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

[Choir:]

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

[All:]

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, No, never forsake!”

***The Confession of Truth**

Various Texts

[Leader:] *For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

[All:] **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.**

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

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

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE

Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

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**

“His Mercy Is More” • “He Will Hold Me Fast”

[Solo:]

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

[Praise Team:] [Chorus:]

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

[All:]

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus x2)*

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

[Solo:]

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

[All:] [Chorus:]

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! (Chorus)

[Solo:]

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-5

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXVIX. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“Five Legacy Gospel Blessings, Part 4—Rejoice in Suffering”

Romans 5:1-5

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“It Is Well with My Soul” Hymn 493 v. 4

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”— it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

The Postlude

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (Newton)

*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/livetyv.