

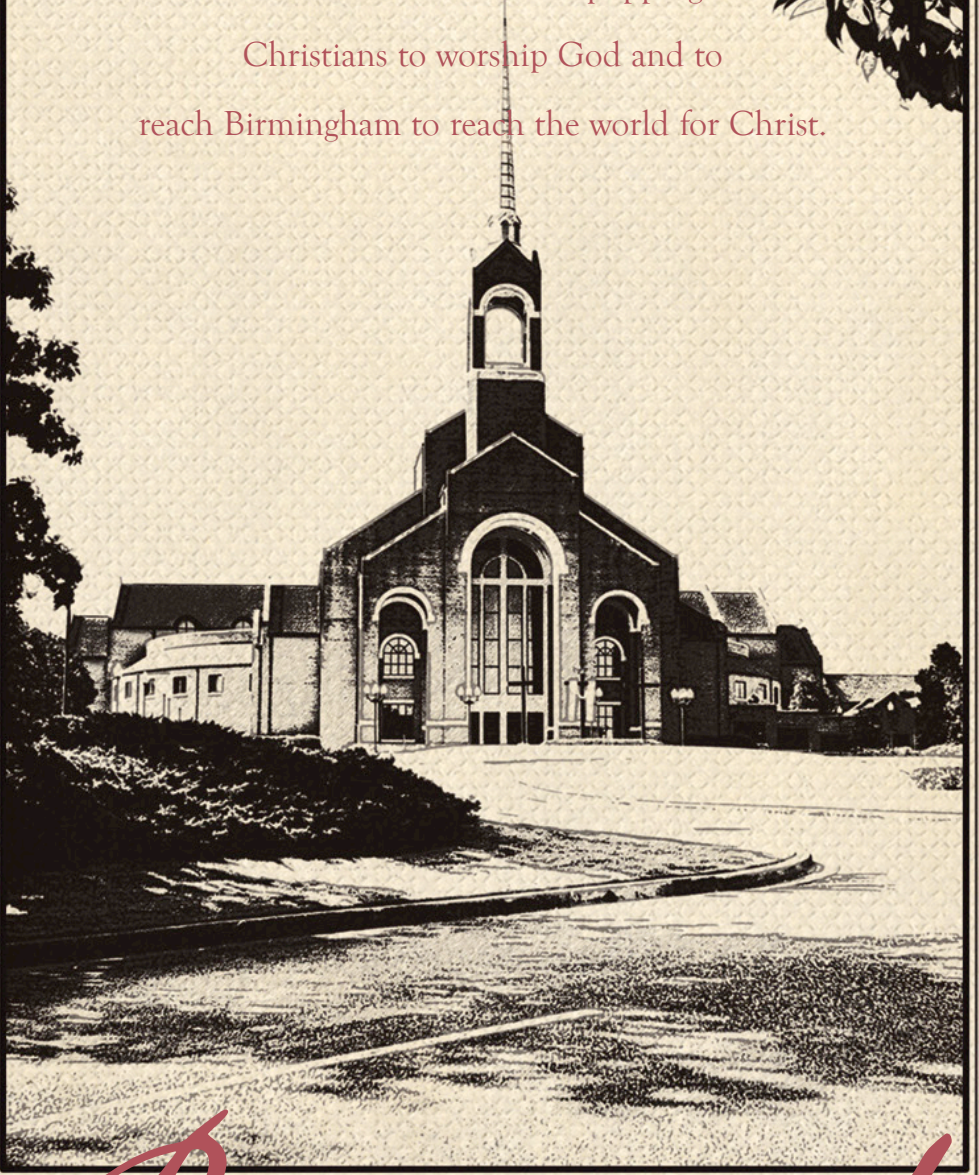


For God's glory,

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 – November 21, 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 100:1-4

[Leader:] *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!*

Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

[All:] **Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!**

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Bless this House, O Lord We Pray" (Brahe)

I sin—grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for You and not for self, to be consecrated wholly to You, to live entirely to Your glory. Deliver me from attachment to things unclean, from wrong associations and evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, that with selfloathing, deep contrition, earnest heart searching I may come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, be delivered by You. adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Receiving of Communicants and New Members (10:50)

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymns of Ascents

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (arr. Berg)

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home;
gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home

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 Musical Offering of Worship

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (Croly/Atkinson)

[Solo:]

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

[Choir:]

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?

All, all Thine own - soul, heart, and strength, and mind!

I see Thy cross - there teach my heart to cling; O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

[All:]

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove - My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

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

XXX. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"Five Legacy Gospel Blessings, Part 5—The Holy Spirit"

Romans 5:1-5

Pastor Reeder

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

*The Hymn of Preparation "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 185 vv. 1, 2

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

*The Confession of Truth

I Corinthians 11:23-29

[Leader:] *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

[All:] **Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.**

The Fencing of the Table

The Confession of Sin

[All:] **Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness. Have mercy upon us, and out of Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Personal Confession of Sin

The Receiving of the Elements

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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 185 vv. 3, 4
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Postlude

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (Elvey)

*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! *For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* Psalm 147:1-3

Pray for family and friends who will be traveling during this Thanksgiving holiday. Pray for their safety and opportunities to share the Gospel.

Pray for the Angel Tree carnival on Saturday, December 4 at Restoration Academy. Pray that the 40 families invited will come and hear the gospel shared by Pastor Alton Hardy. *(The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)*

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

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Members of the congregation are invited to prepare your hearts to receive Communion in this morning's services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper elements are gluten-free.

Have you found your place to serve at the Walk Through Nativity Dec. 8-10? Volunteers are still needed—actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene builders and more! There's a place for everyone to help share the true meaning of the Christmas story with our thousands of visitors. Sign-up TODAY—call 205-776-5251; visit briarwood.org/nativity; or go to More/Forms on the Briarwood App.

Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone special to decorate the Worship Center for Christmas. Cost is \$20 per plant/dedication. You can purchase online at briarwood.org/poinsettia or by filling out an envelope in the Membership Office during office hours.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Banks Farris, Avery Lyle, Donna Moore, Jenny Thornton

Our love and sympathy to Phil and Westby Anderson and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Mary Anderson, on Nov. 14; and to Albert Smith and family on the death of his mother, Geraldine 'Jerrie' Allred Smith, on Nov. 14.

Announcements

Angel Tree gifts are due today. Bring your gifts to the Bookstore area. You can still make a donation online at briarwood.org/childrensoutreach for an Angel Tree child.

A **Service of Thanksgiving** will be tonight at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to take part in the time of reflection and thankfulness.

The church and school offices will be closed on Thurs., Nov. 25 and Fri., Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving. Church gates will close at 9:00 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 24 and reopen at 6:00 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 37.

The Bookstore now has the Advent recommendations by Pastor Reeder: *The Christmas Code* by O.S. Hawkins, *Dawn of Redeeming Grace* by Sinclair Ferguson, and *Tracing Glory* by Sarah Rice. Advent begins on Sun., Nov. 28 so come by the Briarwood Christian Bookstore soon to select the right devotional for you.

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 by calling 205-365-1800.

Mark your calendar for Christmas at Briarwood. See a full schedule of events at briarwood.org/advent.

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! 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.

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.

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—

CMMA Executive Director. Full-time position providing spiritual direction to healthcare students on campus and practitioners in the community through individual discipleship and small group studies, prioritizing missions through conference/guest speakers, coordinating various trips each year, raising needed support for the ministry to function effectively, providing training and oversight to staff associates, and serving on the Briarwood Staff Leadership Team. Interested individuals should contact Georgia Holdefer at gholdefer@briarwood.org.

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.

Church Grounds. Full-time, hours are 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. Includes benefit package. Contact Robert Clifton at rclifton@briarwood.org or 205-776-5234.

Nursery Administrative Supervisor. This is a part-time job (25–30 hours) for a Briarwood Member that is interacting with parents, loving on children, and helping to support the Nursery Director with day-to-day needs. For more information contact Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

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.