

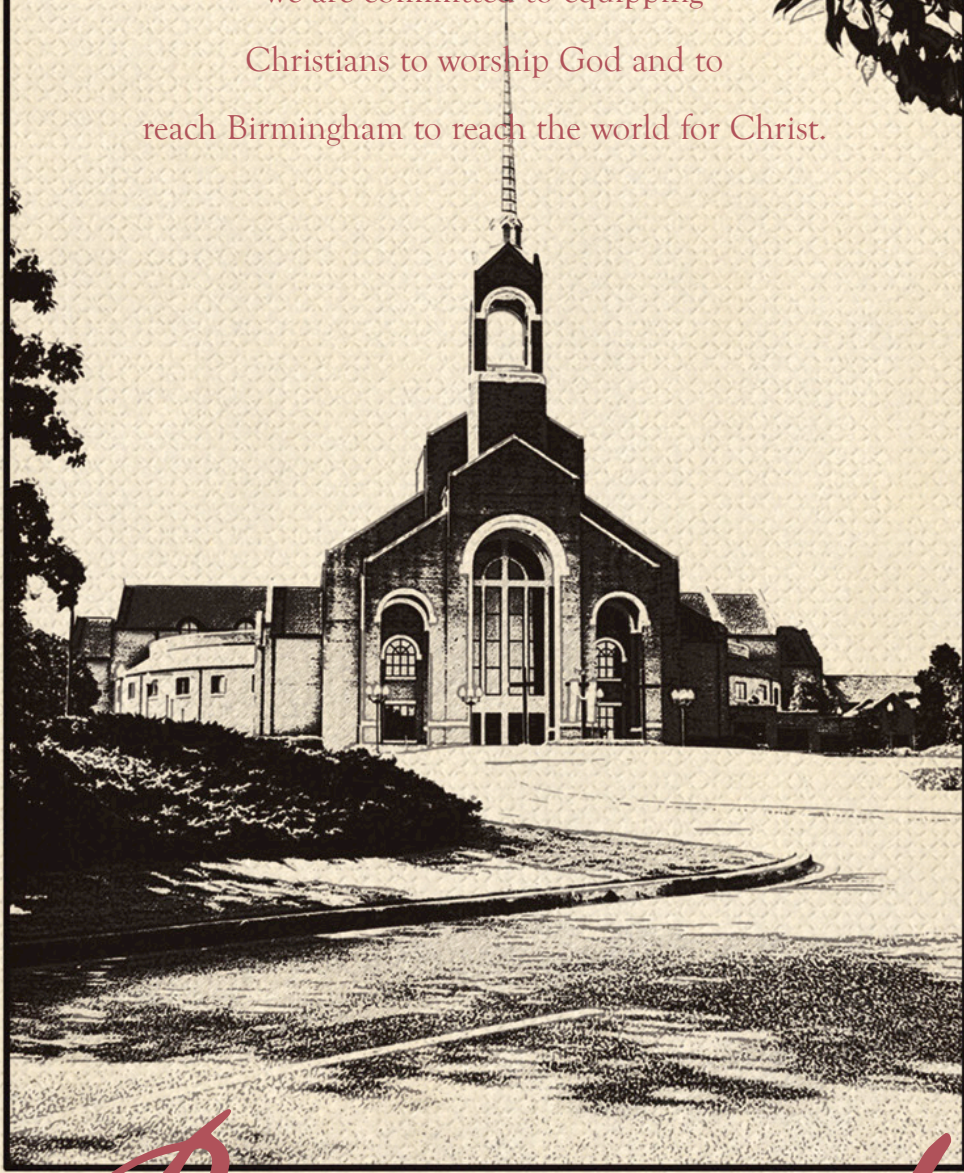


*For God's glory,*

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 – January 2, 2022

## 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

*Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.*

## 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 48:10, 14

[Leader:] *As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.*

[All:] **He will guide us forever.**

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"* (Spiritual)

*Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* (Trinity Hymnal)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak but Thou art mighty;

Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,

Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through;

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,

Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's Destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee. Amen!

**\*The Confession of Truth**

*The Apostles' Creed*

[Leader:] *Christian, what do you believe?*

[All:] I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He  
rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to  
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. \*universal

**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 Tithes 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 Offertory**

*"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

Daniel Cason, soloist

**\*The Season of Worship through the Carols of Christmas\***

*"Build My Life" • "Be Thou My Vision" Hymn 382*

[Solo:]

*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.*

[All:]

*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.*

[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.*

*Jesus, the Name above every other name.  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save.  
Worthy of every breathe 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)*



[Solo:]

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

[Women:]

Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

[Men:]

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

[All:]

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## 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**

Philippians 3:7-16

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Rev. Jim Alexander

“That I May Know Him”  
Philippians 3:7-16

## 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

Oh, 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**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Croft)

\*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](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

“Following, Fishing, and Walking by Faith: An Old Call for a New Year”  
Matthew 4:18-22  
Rev. Stephen King

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord! *Now when they, had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord, appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him. Matthew 2:13.*

Pray for our Briarwood children to learn more about Jesus' life, death and resurrection this year. May the Lord keep them healthy and safe.

Remember the many international students who are arriving in Birmingham this month. Pray for their connections with believers through Friendship Partners and welcome events. We long to be a part of God's story of people from every nation worshipping Him forever. Pray for God to use our members in this way this year! *(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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Make Wednesday evenings a time your family looks forward to every week! MidWeek at Briarwood begins Wed., Jan. 12. There are opportunities for the entire family to come together on Wednesday evenings for a Fellowship Dinner and to take part in a class or activity. See all the offerings for winter/spring 2022, as well as sign up for dinner and Nursery reservations on the Briarwood App or at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

Kick off the new year in the Word by joining a Women's study! Nine studies are offered both mornings and evenings, Mondays–Thursdays. Classes start the week of Jan. 10. Go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) to see a full class list and to register.

Start off the new year by joining a men's studies that begin the week of Jan. 10! There are four classes to choose from—three morning options and then a one at lunch time. For study details, go to [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Banks Farris, Beverly Nevins, Bob Ryan, Anna Mae Sullens, Cathy Ware, Jerry Springfield, Stephen Greenall

We rejoice with Mark and Abby Jessup on the birth of their daughter, Piper Elaine-Katherine Jessup, on Dec. 28, and with grandparents John and Wendy Jessup and Kelly and Debbie Little.

Our love and sympathy to Barbara Manning and family on the death of her husband, member Buzz Manning, on Dec. 25; with Terry Chase and family on the death of his sister, Judy Chase, on Dec. 26; to Barbara Barker, Anita and Taylor Barnes, Frank III, Ana, Gracey, Sissy and Halle Barker, Peggy, David, Gil and Neely Townes, Rachel Green, Margaret Anne Owens, and family on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Pastor Emeritus Dr. Frank Barker, Jr., on Dec. 27; and with Sharon and Evans Head, Abby Haley and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Joan Lardner, on Dec. 28.

# Announcements

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**Join us as we honor the homegoing of Dr. Frank M. Barker, Jr.,** founding Pastor of Briarwood for 40 years and Pastor Emeritus for the last 23 years. A Remembrance Service celebrating God's glorious blessings through Dr. Barker's life and ministry will be held Sat., Jan. 8 at 2:00 in the Worship Center. A visitation time will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**"Discovering, Developing and Deploying our Spiritual Gifts"—2022 Ministry Theme**  
Dr. Reeder will introduce this year's theme through a series of expositional sermons on key texts from God's Word that instruct us on how to implement the Biblical stewardship of our Christ-designed and Holy Spirit-delivered spiritual gifts for life and ministry. This new sermon series begins Sun., Jan. 9.

**Sunday Morning Worship Service Time Change**—Starting Sun., Jan. 9, the second Worship Service will start at 10:55 a.m.

**"Praise Him In This Storm"**—You are invited to a full-length concert by Ballet Exaltation in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium at the Briarwood High School on Sat., Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**Financial Peace MidWeek Class** beginning Jan. 12. Learn how to reduce money stress! Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Kick debt once and for all! Learn how to develop a solid financial plan of having an emergency fund, paying off debt, and building savings. Registration is important. Contact Dave Matthews at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

**Prayer Vigil and Witness For Life**—Sat., Jan. 15 at 10:45 a.m. at Planned Parenthood (1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham). Rain or shine, all are welcome! For more information, go to [birminghammarchforlife.com](http://birminghammarchforlife.com).

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**—Dave Matthews leads a study of Nehemiah in A-105a on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

**The Men's Saturday morning prayer group** is meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Building. Contact Dave Matthews for information at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

**Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services.** Contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or [mgathings@briarwood.org](mailto:mgathings@briarwood.org) for available dates. Also if you are interested in a "New Believer" baptism, contact Wendy Long in the Membership Office at 205-776-5208.

**Community Food Drive**—Bring your non-perishable food donations to the marked trailer in Parking Lot-B, Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., and Sundays 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The Mercy Ministry/Christian Service Mission are grateful for your support.

**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).

**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](mailto:jhaines@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.