

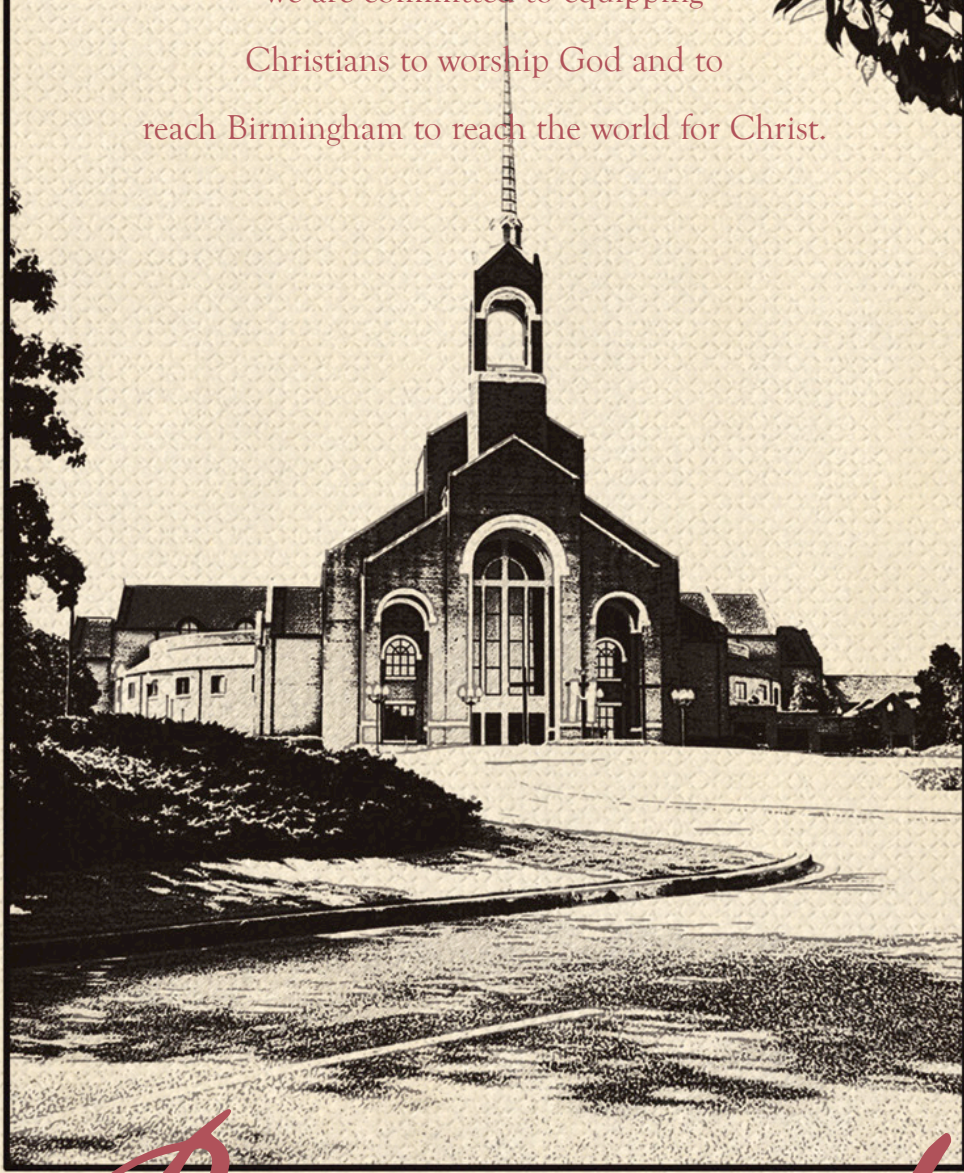


*For God's glory,*

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 9, 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

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20*

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

Psalm 32:5

[All:] I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said,  
“I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the  
iniquity of my sin.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Promised Land” (Stennett)

*O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross, crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise.*

*adapted from The Valley of Vision*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### The Sacrament of Baptism (8:00)

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn 262

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

[Women:]

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

[Men:]

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy – there is none beside

Thee, Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

[All:]

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

# THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1 Timothy 2:1*

## The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a*

## The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits 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 Confession of Truth

The Heidelberg Catechism, q. 1

[Leader:] *Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?*

[All:] **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

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

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" • "Revelation Song"*

[Solo:]

*What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.*

*What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.*

*Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from His command?*

*And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.*

[All:] [Chorus:]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

And we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus x2)

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

[Chorus]

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing, Praise to the King of kings.  
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory, and power be  
To You, the only wise King! (Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name.  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water.  
Such a marvelous mystery. (Chorus x2)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*†The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-7

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

I. Lifestyle Stewardship in Biblical Perspective  
*Discovering, Developing and Deploying our Spiritual Gifts*  
"Servant Stewardship Embraced"  
Isaiah 9:1-7

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

"To God Be the Glory" Hymn 66 v. 1

To God be the glory—great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

**The Postlude**

"The Church's One Foundation" (Stone)

\*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 10:55 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/livestream](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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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 the Ballet Exaltation's performance "Praise Him In This Storm" this coming Saturday night as they share and praise Jesus through dance. Pray the love of our Lord will touch hearts.

By the grace of God, Urban Hope Community Church is making an intentional effort in 2022 to reach men in the streets of Fairfield. There are specific plans for Bible studies that will be contextualized and relatable to these men and their circumstances. Pray for Urban Hope and for God to bless this ministry by drawing men to these studies and ultimately to Himself. *(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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MidWeek at Briarwood has something for every member of the family! Fall Wednesdays begin this Wed., Jan. 12 with Fellowship Dinner followed by various classes and activities. See a complete list of what is offered, as well as sign up for dinner and Nursery reservations, on the Briarwood App or at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek). Make Wednesday evenings a time your family looks forward to every week!

Kick off the new year in the Word by joining a women's or men's study! Classes start this week. There are nine morning and evenings women's studies, two men's morning studies and two men's lunch study to choose from. Find a list of women's studies and registration at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). For details on the men's studies, go to [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

Join people from all walks of life to gather for prayer and bear witness to the fundamental right to life of every human being. The Prayer Vigil and Witness For Life is this Saturday, January 15 at 10:45 a.m. at Planned Parenthood, 1019 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Banks Farris, Stephen Greenall, Victor Hanson, Bob Ryan, Ed Waldron, Cathy Ware, Kathy Cheely, John Asbeck

Our love and sympathy to John Needham and family on the death of his mother, Doris Benefield Needham, on Dec. 26; to Nina Tarpley and family on the death of her brother, John LoMonaco, on Dec. 29; to Beth Russom and family on the death of her father, Ralph Nelson, on Dec. 31; and to Pat Moulton and family on the death of her mother, Ellen Brady, on Jan. 1.

# 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 p.m. in the Worship Center. A visitation time will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The live-stream will be available at [briarwood.org/livestream](http://briarwood.org/livestream), on Facebook, and on the Briarwood App.

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

**"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 this morning.

**Briarwood Ballet's "Praise Him In This Storm"**—You are invited to a concert featuring Ballet Exaltation, alumni, and guest dance company Bluebird Uncaged from Atlanta at the Briarwood High School Barbara B. Barker Auditorium on Sat., Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**Financial Peace MidWeek Class** beginning this Wed., 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).

**Briarwood Soccer Club Spring Season**—Registration now open for ages 5–14. Open to the public. Register by calling 205-776-5114 or visit [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.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).

**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.

**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.

**New Job openings—**

**Children's Ministry Director.** This person will implement and oversee a complete ministry to children including: personal ministry, program development, volunteer recruiting and development, discipling, assisting parents, and developing and participating in a shepherding plan for the church's children. In addition, this person recruits, trains and oversees the children's staff team responsible for various aspects of the ministry. This position reports to the Family Pastor and ministers alongside the Children's Ministry staff. If you are interested, contact the Children's Ministry at 205-776-5301 or send résumé to [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@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.