

Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA



For God's glory

We are committed to equipping

Christians to worship God

and to reach Birmingham

to reach the world for Christ



Celebration of Worship

Morning Services of Divine Worship – April 24, 2022

Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher
Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*"I will tell of Your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 98:3

All: **He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Fanfare in C Major" (Purcell)

*Lord God Almighty, You have made known to me that my salvation is Christ's work,
but to cleave to Him by faith is my work, and with this faith is the necessity of my
daily repentance as a mourning for the sin which Christ by grace has removed.
Continue, O God, to teach me that faith apprehends Christ's righteousness not
only for the satisfaction of justice, but as unspotted evidence of Your love to me.
Help me to make use of His work of salvation as the ground of peace, and of Your
favor to, and acceptance of me the sinner, so that I may live always near the cross.
adapted from *The Valley of Vision**

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (arr. Haines / Parks)

The Confession of Truth*

Old Scots Confession

Leader: *Christians, what do you confess?*

All: **We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must
cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship,
and in Whom only we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite,
immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; One in
substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit. By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and
earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their
being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable Providence for
such ends as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of His own glory. Amen.**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

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*

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*

Musical Offering of Worship

"In Christ Alone" (Townend / Getty)
BYG Praise Band

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"O Praise the Name" (Sampson / Hastings / Ussher)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

John 17:20-26

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Mark Cushman

"Jesus Prays for Us"
John 17:20-26

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Rondeau" (Mouret)

*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.

Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM.

The 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. services are available online at briarwood.org/livestream.

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Fellowship of Worship

Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

John Haines

Prayer of Invocation

Preschool Choir Program

*“Get Ready to Praise the Lord” • “This Is the Day”
“Let’s Count the Ways We Can Praise” • “The Praise Parade”*

Children’s Choirs Presents

“The Sailor’s Bible” (Long / Pote)

“The Forty Minute Tour”

The Story of Noah and the Flood

“Do What You Gotta Do”

“When Life is a Zoo”

“The Promise”

The Story of Jonah and the Great Fish

“No Way, Not Me”

“Jonah’s Prayer”

“Nineveh Repents”

The Story of Paul’s Shipwreck

“Good News”

“Paul’s Shipwreck”

“Romans 8”

“Good News Reprise”

Benediction*

Postlude

Morning Worship – The Lord’s Day morning worship services are live and in person at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. They are also streamed on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, Apple TV, Roku and the Briarwood App. For more info go to briarwood.org/watch.

Sunday School Communities – Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. For a complete list of classes go to briarwood.org/sundayschool.

Evening Worship – Evening worship is at 6:00 p.m., and is also streamed on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, Apple TV, Roku and the Briarwood App.

Announcements

Officer Nominations—Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2025 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms will be available on Sunday, May 1 at the various information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Trailblazers—Tuesday, April 26, join us for a free showing of *American Underdog*, the Kurt Warner story, at Cahaba Ridge in the Theatre at 1:00 p.m. Contact Sharon at 205-776-5320 or sjohnston@briarwood.org for more information.

Briarwood Golf Fellowship and Outreach—Invite a friend to join you at the Bent Brook Golf Course on Wednesday, April 27. Register at questrecreation.org or call 205-776-5237.

WBL invites you to “An Evening with Susan Gordon” on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at The Farrell (2719 19th St S, Homewood). As the founder and chief creator of Susan Gordon Pottery, she will share how she blends creative talent, business acumen, and resilient leadership to make her unique story. Coffee and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$10. Register online at wblbirmingham.org.

YBL Spring Breakfast—Friday, May 6 at 6:30–7:45 a.m. at The Harbert Center. Join us to hear Dan Naulty, former MLB Pitcher/World Series Champion, tell about his remarkable journey through professional sports and battle to be a man of integrity. Register at ybl.org/events.

Vacation Bible School—June 6–10 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Come learn each day about being a new creation in Christ from II Corinthians 5:17. Register at briarwood.org/vbs. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. To sign-up as a Nursery volunteer, go to briarwood.org/nursery.

Trailblazers Travel—June 13–15 to The Cove in Asheville, North Carolina. The guest speaker will be Voddie Baucham, Jr., author of *Fault Lines* and *Expository Apologetics*. For more information, contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

Nursery Needs Volunteers—If you have signed our purple sign-up folders in the past to help in the Nursery, please sign up to be a part of our team. To receive information, come to the Nursery desk on Sunday mornings, go to briarwood.org/nursery and click on the Nursery Volunteer Team (NVT) link, or email Alison at acraig@briarwood.org. To everyone who has signed up—you have been a blessing!

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

New Job openings—

Director of Accounting. Seeking a qualified accountant with a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting, CPA preferred. Experience and knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles and procedures, budgeting, and personnel procedures required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills a plus. Send résumé to Matt Moore at mmoore@briarwood.org.

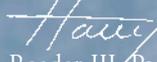
Director, Women Business Leaders. If you’re a business-minded woman with a heart for outreach and evangelism, might God be calling you to lead WBL? Bachelor’s degree, ministry experience, and fundraising skills required. Contact Rob Genin at 205-776-5455 or rgenin@briarwood.org.

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.

Welcome, Guest

We're delighted you are worshipping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have and minister to you in any way. After the service, please stop by the foyer so that we may offer you a small gift to acknowledge your presence with us. I pray that this morning's worship will be all about Him and not about us, and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

For Christ, His Cross and His Crown,



Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Prayers and Praises

Praise the Lord! *By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.* Proverbs 24:3-6

Pray for those who heard the Gospel for the first time on Easter Sunday to surrender their lives to Jesus.

Pray for Grace Hanson and her Campus Outreach team as they invest in new university students in Brazil. Pray God would give them boldness in testifying to God's work in their lives. Pray that students would humbly take opportunities in English class to develop deep, meaningful conversations. *(The flag of Brazil is featured in today's worship service.)*

Opportunities for Ministry and Growth

Make plans to attend the Gospel Reformation Network National 2022 Conference on Wednesday, May 4 through Thursday, May 5. This two-day conference, here at Briarwood, will be a wonderful time of worship, teaching, and fellowship. Members get a reduced ticket price of \$10. Find information and the link to purchase tickets at briarwood.org/grn22.

During this past Holy Week, Briarwood held multiple services celebrating and remembering Christ's redemptive sacrifice in the gospel: **Palm Sunday**, when we honored our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem; **Maundy Thursday**, when we partook in corporate Communion while remembering the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when we assembled for a time of meditation and reflection on Christ's sacrifice on the Cross; Lord's Day **Sunrise Service**, where we assembled under the morning sun to proclaim "He is Risen!"; and two **Resurrection Lord's Day Worship Services**, when we concluded Holy Week with a celebration of music and the preaching of the Word. All of our Holy Week services are now available to watch or listen to on our website at briarwood.org/easter.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Mary Sue McClurkin, Laura Comoglio, Pete Weston, Van McClurkin, Jim Ross

We rejoice with Carter and Kami Ralph on the adoption of their daughter, Viktoriia Kaye, on Apr. 14.

Our love and sympathy to Yvonne Welch and family on the death of her sister, Diane Straub, on Apr. 16; and to Chris, David and Daniel Coggin and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Carol Coggin, on Apr. 17.