

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 – May 15, 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:9–10

Leader: *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your Word.*

All: With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin” (arr. Christopher)
Briarwood Instrumental Ensemble

O Lord, unto You I lift my soul! I praise You that You have granted me mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Your perfect Son on my behalf at Calvary's cross. I come today with thanksgiving in my heart and praise upon my lips for the sustaining grace that You supply each day through the work of Your Holy Spirit in my life. Complete that work of redemption and sanctification, drawing me ever closer to my Savior. Grant to me a deep and abiding love for You, for Your Word, and for Your Church, that I might order my steps in a manner that pleases You and brings glory to You alone. Receive my praise this day as I offer it in Jesus' name, Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents and (8:00) Baccalaureate Processional*

“Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymn 267

The Confession of Truth*

II Corinthians 5:17–20

Leader: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

All: All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

Recognition of Graduates

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

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (Watts / orch. arr. Haines / Little)

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Behold Our God" (Baird / Altrogge)
"How Deep the Father's Love" vv. 1, 3, 4 (Townend)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*† Romans 5:6-11

Exposition of God's Word Pastor Reeder

XXXIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of God
"Reconciliation with God"
Romans 5:6-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation and (8:00) Recessional*
"The Doxology with Alleluias" (Ken)

Postlude *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* (Hughes)



Fellowship *of* Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Stephen Cloud

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:12–13

Leader: *Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!*

All: **With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.**

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

Daniel Cason, Worship Leader

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Scripture

Ephesians 5:21–34

Sermon

Pastor Reeder

XXII. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective
Foundations from Genesis
“A Theology of Marriage – Redemption”
Ephesians 5:21–34

Benediction*

Doxology*

Shane Davis

Postlude

*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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Announcements

Congratulations Graduates—

Tammy Wells, Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Birmingham Theological Seminary
Rebecca Lee Massey, M.D. from University of Alabama in Birmingham

Camp Briarwood Needs—1. Camp Nurses for Day Camp: June 20–24 and Overnight Camp: July 11–16, July 18–23, July 25–28. Pay offered or barter for free registration for a camper.
2. Old caps and fedora-type hats for fun nights and skits. Contact Scott Hannah at 205-776-5237 or shannah@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Soccer—Club tryouts for players ages 10–18 are May 16–25. Soccer Camp for players ages 7–14 is June 13–17. Information at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205-776-5114.

Join Pickleball Open Play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Gym. Reserve your spot at questrecreation.org.

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. Share the love of Jesus by volunteering at VBS! Contact Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Sign up as a Nursery volunteer at briarwood.org/nursery.

Christian Medical Ministry Mission Trip Needs—Donate new ibuprofen (200 mg), acetaminophen (500 mg), and cough+cold medicine for a medical trip to the Dominican Republic. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

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!

Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or 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—

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.

CMMA Executive Director. Full-time position providing spiritual direction to healthcare students and practitioners in the community, raising support for the ministry, providing training and oversight to staff associates, and serving on the Briarwood Staff Leadership Team. Contact Molly McLain at msmclain@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Christian School Teachers. Full-time positions available in the Lower School Elementary (3rd–6th grades). Send a cover letter and resume and/or questions to bcsemployment@bcsk12.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

Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the Name of the LORD! Blessed be the Name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! Psalm 113:1, 2

Pray for families that have been torn apart by the war in Ukraine. Pray for their safety, health, and for an end to the war.

Pray for this new season of ministry for the Church Revitalization Team as they share the vision of developing healthy churches that produce healthy disciples for Christ. Pray for our new Revitalization Pastor, Rob Looper, as he reaches out to pastors and church leaders. (The flag of Alabama is featured in today's worship service.)

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2025 are being accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms are available by emailing lreese@briarwood.org, online at briarwood.org/officernomination or at the information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, May 31.

Come volunteer at the General Assembly in Birmingham June 21-24. There are multiple volunteering needs—from registration to ushering to helping with children/youth activities and more. Find out the many ways you can help at briarwood.org/ga.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Margery Birdsong, Leslie Cushman, Anne Drake, Mary Sue McClurkin, Jack Hand, Jim Ross, Denise Whitworth

We rejoice with Jonathan and Hannah Sillers on the birth of their son, Ezekiel 'Zeke' Thomas, on May 3; and with Connor and Emmi Ford on the birth of their son, Jaxon Dale, on May 6 and grandparents Russell and Wendy Long.

Our love and sympathy to Rick Winsett and family on the death of his wife, Norma Ruth Winsett, on May 8.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God by Peggy Smitherman in appreciation of the Hearts & Homes ladies who are hosting a bridal tea for Meghan Talley. The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in honor of the graduates of the Birmingham Theological Seminary.