

# *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

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Morning Services of Divine Worship – Ascension Sunday, May 29, 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

*'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...'* Deuteronomy 4:10

## Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 24:3–5

Leader: *Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?*

All: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

## Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*O most great, most just and gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful and have come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused Your holy worship and name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors, not sought first your Kingdom and righteousness, and have not been content with our daily bread. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess You alone are our hope. Make us Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, our only Savior. Amen. –Richard Baxter, 1661*

## The Choral Introit

*"Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?"* vv. 1, 2, 4, 5  
(Clowney / arr. Haines)

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace and Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"God of Our Fathers"* Hymn 573 vv. 1, 3, 4

## The Confession of Truth\*

Westminster Larger Catechism, q. 53

Leader: *How was Christ exalted in His ascension?*

All: **Christ was exalted in His ascension in that, having often appeared to and conversed with His apostles after His resurrection, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, He visibly went up into the highest heavens forty days after His resurrection, in our nature and as our head, triumphing over His enemies. He went there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections to heaven, and to prepare a place for us, where He Himself is and will continue until His second coming at the end of the world.**

## 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 Tithe 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

*"America the Beautiful"* Hymn 572  
Ron and Luke Philley

### Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs\*

*"Our Great God"* (Ortega / Mott)  
*"Great Are You Lord"* (Ingram / Jordan / Leonard)

## 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\*

### Old Testament Reading\*†

Psalm 67

### Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Billy Barnes

*"Blessing the Nations"*  
Psalm 67

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

### Pastoral Benediction\*

### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* Hymn 97 v. 1

### Postlude

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

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# Fellowship of Worship

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Rev. Benny Parks

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 1:1–2

Leader: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

All: **but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Ascension Hymns of Praise\***

*“Praise Him! Praise Him!”* Hymn 106

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”* Hymn 233

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”* Hymn 234

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

*“There’s Something About That Name”* Hymn 102

Daniel Cason

**Scripture & Sermon**

*“What’s Missing?”*

Revelation 2:1–7

Dr. Olan Stubbs

**The Ordination and Installation of Micah Evans and Rob Looper**

**Benediction\***

Rev. Micah Evans

**Doxology\***

John Haines

**Postlude**

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**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](http://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](http://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

**Memorial Day** — The church and school offices will be closed on Monday, May 30.

**Campus Paving & Parking** — Briarwood is undergoing a two-week re-paving project along perimeter road and in various parking lots around the church. During this time, parking on perimeter road and in the Fellowship Hall parking lot will be unavailable. If your entrance to or exit from the church is blocked off, please drive around to the other side.

**Officer Nominations** — 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](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org), online at [briarwood.org/officernomination](http://briarwood.org/officernomination) or at the information stations throughout the church. Nominations deadline is Tuesday, May 31.

**Vacation Bible School** — June 6–10 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. We would love for you to pre-register your children by June 1 at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs). You may also register the first day of VBS in FH E&F at 8:30 a.m. To volunteer email Raleigh at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**James Brown in Concert** — Come hear James Brown Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Mr. Brown was the former Director of Music here at Briarwood for 16 years and now serves at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** — Sunday, June 5 in the morning services. Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts to receive communion. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**Summer Choir** — Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments starting June 5. Meet in the choir loft 10 minutes before each service and you will return to your families after the opening hymn. All are welcome; no experience needed.

**BTS Summer Semester** — Registration now open! Take advantage of a free class this summer—Cross Cultural Communications on Thursdays from 5:30–7:30 p.m. View all the classes offered this summer and register at [www.bts.education](http://www.bts.education).

**Birmingham General Assembly Volunteers** — 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](http://briarwood.org/ga).

**Camp Briarwood Needs** —1. Camp Nurses needed for 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](mailto:shannah@briarwood.org).

**Trailblazers Travel** — October 6–13. Tour the “Colors of New England” through four states and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Go to [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or contact Sharon at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) for more information.

**Job openings—**

**Board Directed Ministries Administrative Assistant.** This full-time position provides administrative support for the Pastor of Board Directed Ministries, keeping him informed, resourced, and free to focus on his major ministry responsibilities; along with providing leadership and additional training/support to the administrative teams serving other BDMs. For a full job description and to apply, email [jalexander@briarwood.org](mailto:jalexander@briarwood.org).

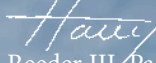
See all the current job opportunities for Briarwood ministries and ministry partners at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment) to find details on open positions as well as how to apply.



# 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

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Praise the Lord! *O give thanks to the LORD for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.* Psalm 107:1

Pray for those in the world who do not know Jesus to have their eyes opened and their hearts filled with His love. Pray for a great awakening throughout the world.

Pray for Sedrick Moore with Urban Young Life as he takes inner-city children to camp in June. Pray for his support raising efforts and for the gospel to be preached and heard by all. (*The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.*)

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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**Dedicate a Flag** – Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation will provide a flag on campus and the name of the dedicatee will be listed in our Christianity in America Celebration service bulletin on July 3. All donations must be made by June 19. To donate go to [briarwood.org/flag](http://briarwood.org/flag).

**Active Duty Military List** – Help update our Active Duty Military list of members and family members. Please provide us with name, rank, branch of service, and their relationship to you. Each service member will be honored in our Christianity in America Celebration service bulletin on July 3. All submissions must be made by June 19. Email Patti Claud at [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) or go to [briarwood.org/america](http://briarwood.org/america).

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Mary Sue McClurkin, Burson Williams, Pat Dortch, Dave Wood

Our love and sympathy to Jeannette Minor and family on the death of her husband, member Jerry Minor, on May 22.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in honor of our veterans who have given their lives for our country.

Please welcome Rev. Billy Barnes to the pulpit today. Rev. Barnes was the Singles and Young Couples Pastor here at Briarwood in 1989. He later went on to start Covenant Community Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, and then serve at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville. He is now on staff at the Center for Executive Leadership here in Birmingham. He is the son-in-law of the late Dr. and Mrs. Frank Barker, brother-in-law to Frank Barker III and Peggy Townes, and husband to the late Anita Barker Barnes. He has four children: Taylor, Francie, Richard and Robby.