

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 – July 3, 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
...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 145:13

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"America the Beautiful"
Hunter Goff

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father, I confess and acknowledge that I am a sinner and guilty of treason against Your Holy Law, that I was conceived in sin and prone to do evil and that I have both offended You and rebelled against You. I have left undone those things I ought to have done, and have done those things which I ought not to have done. I am unable to save myself, O Lord, and acknowledge that salvation is of Your grace and mercy, so may you receive all the praise as is due Your holy name. For from You and unto You are all things; so unto You be glory forevermore. Amen. –from "Faith of Our Fathers" (Faber)

(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Choir)

Choral Introit

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" Hymn 571
Ten-Minute Summer Choir and Orchestra

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"God of Our Fathers" Hymn 573

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 67

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.*

All: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Praise be to God!

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*

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

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 (v. 1, 4)

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

“Sovereign Over Us”
“America the Beautiful” Hymn 572
Shane Davis, Soloist

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*†

Proverbs 14:34

Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

“Christianity In America – Past, Present, Future”

Proverbs 14:34

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*

“God Bless America”

Postlude

“God Bless America”

*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



CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA 2022
FEATURING DAVID PHELPS IN CONCERT
6:00 P.M. • NO COST

Come and celebrate America while honoring our veterans. David Phelps and his band will lead our musical offering of worship. Following the service, join in a time of fellowship on the lawn. This event is free and open to the public, so bring a friend!

DAVID PHELPS

For more than 15 years, David served as a member of the popular and prestigious Gaither Vocal Band. As a solo artist, David has released numerous albums including *Hymnal* (2017), *It Must Be Christmas* (2018), and his latest musical offering *GameChanger* (2021).

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

Fourth of July — Church and school offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 4. There will be no Super Summer activities or Women's Summer Study this week.

Men's Summer Studies — Wednesday Morning Study will be at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See details at briarwood.org/men.

Barons Family Night — Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for baseball and fellowship as the Barons take on the Mississippi Braves. Tickets are available at briarwood.org/barons.

Briarwood Ballet Summer Showcase — Come July 15 & 16 at 7:00 p.m., as we honor our founder Barbara B. Barker with a presentation, "For Mrs. Barker: A Vision for Generations," by the summer intensive students. Purchase tickets at briarwood.org/balletevents.

General Assembly Follow-Up — Praise the Lord for a very encouraging General Assembly this year! We were specifically encouraged that Overtures 29 and 31 were passed with greater than 90% approval. These overtures added language that clarifies that church officers must affirm the sinfulness of fallen desires and express the hope of progressive sanctification. Watch or read our full report from General Assembly at briarwood.org/GA.

Trail Life Cave Camping — Join Trail Life for an exciting opportunity of cave camping on July 30–31. For boys 5–11 years old and their dads. Email al254ranger@gmail.com for info.

Summer Choir — Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments all summer. 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.

International Friendship Partner Program — Join Friendship Partners this Fall! Great way to use your spiritual gifts and build cross-cultural friendships. We match you with an international student to share culture and experiences for a year. Orientation is July 28 or August 9. Contact Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org for information and to apply.

Trailblazers Travel New Date — October 2–9. Tour the "Colors of New England" through four states and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Go to briarwood.org/trailblazers or contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org for more information.

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.

Job Openings — See the current job opportunities for Briarwood ministries and ministry partners at briarwood.org/employment as well as how to apply:


Director, Senior High Ministry. This person will implement and oversee a complete ministry to Senior High students. If you are interested, contact the Briarwood Student Ministry at 205-776-5269 or send résumé to jshaw@briarwood.org.

Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff. There are a number of full and part-time positions open in the following ministries: Board Directed Ministries, YBL Ministries, Music/Worship Department, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, and Church Facilities. To learn more or apply go to briarwood.org/employment.

Briarwood Christian School. There are multiple positions open for this coming school year including a Director of Curriculum, Lower-School Assistant IT Director, and Upper-School Teachers of Mathematics and Science. To see job requirements and to apply, go to briarwoodchristianschool.org/about/employment.

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

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You. I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1, 2

Pray for the Christianity in America celebration tonight. Pray for our country to unite under our God and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

Praise the Lord for the connections the Lampstand team made during this year's General Assembly. Pray that God will create new partnerships and relationships with churches and church leaders during the Lampstand Conference, January 12–15, 2023.

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Christianity in America 2022 — Come tonight to celebrate America and honor our veterans with David Phelps and his band. Stay to fellowship with your church family as we celebrate on the lawn after the service!

Evangelism Training — Each Wednesday from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in FH till August 3. Join us for a meal, fellowship and a lesson before going out to be challenged to share your faith. It will be a time of motivation and encouragement as we expand our borders and fulfill the Great Commission. There will also be a team that focuses on prayer.

BYG Impact Weekend — High school students, join us July 29–31 for an in-town retreat filled with discipleship groups, worship, teaching, and fun activities. Come and allow the Lord to impact your life and learn how to have an impact on others! For more info and registration, go to briarwood.org/impact.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized: Mary Sue McClurkin, Bob Stallings

We rejoice with JD and Cierra Bragan on the birth of their daughter, Mary Steele, on June 24, and with grandparents Jim and Libby Bragan.

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Don O'Cain on his death on June 27; and to Serge Lubilanji and family on the death of his mother, Veronique Kamuanya, on June 27.

The flowers in the Worship Center and Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of LCPL Thomas E. Rivers, Jr., who gave his life in military service for our country.