

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 17, 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

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 72:19

All: Blessed be His glorious Name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Come to Jesus”
Hampton Neugent, Pianist

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Choir)

Choral Introit

“How Great Thou Art” Hymn 4
Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn 1

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe?*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline
Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6*

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

"Death Was Arrested"
Shane Davis, Soloist

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"My Hope Is In the Lord" Hymn 406

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 9:1-12

Exposition of God's Word

"Sight to the Blind"
John 9:1-12

Rev. Richard Harris

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14*

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*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

Michael Wichlan

Call to Worship

Psalm 75:1

All: We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks, for Your Name is near.
We recount Your wondrous deeds.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“As Long As I Have Breath”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Shane Davis, Assistant Leader of Worship

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Leaning”

Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture and Sermon

Rev. Max Bunn

“I Am the Light of the World”

John 8:12

Benediction*

Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Postlude

Morning Worship Guest Preacher – Briarwood welcomes Richard Harris to the pulpit this Lord’s Day morning. Richard currently serves as Senior Pastor of Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church (PCA), a growing church of nearly 800 in the heart of Houston, TX.

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 Guest Preacher – Briarwood welcomes our own Max Bunn to the pulpit this Lord’s Day evening. Max has been on staff as Briarwood’s College Pastor starting in the summer of 2012. Max and his wife Kathleen have four children.

Announcements

Trailblazers Movie — Tuesday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a showing of “The Most Reluctant Convert,” the untold story of C.S. Lewis. Contact Sharon at 205-776-5320 or sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Children’s Sunday School New Year — If you plan to hold your child back for the 2022–23 school year, please let us know so we can place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Catechism Sunday School Class — This nine-month class for 3rd–6th graders requires outside work for student and parents. To register your child, email rmacoy@briarwood.org. Only 20 spots will be available, so register today!

Super Summer — Fun activities for K5–6th graders each day by grade. This week we will have a Carnival, Water Day, outings to Chuck E. Cheese and laser tag. See details and a full list activities at briarwood.org/supersummer. Register at 9:15 a.m. in the Gym Lobby.

Briarwood Women Summer Studies — Join us each Tuesday morning June 14–July 26 at 9:30 in the Chapel. This week’s lesson is the Parable of the Ten Virgins taught by Rebekah Vermeer. For more information, go to briarwood.org/women.

Men of the Covenant Summer Study — Each Wednesday morning June 15–August 3, 6:30–7:30 in the FH. Coffee and Chick-fil-a biscuits are provided at each meeting, so bring a friend! This week’s topic will be “Pathways to Serve” led by Rob Looper.

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. For more info and registration, go to briarwood.org/impact.

Short-Term Spain Mission trip — October 2–9 or 2–14. Prayerfully consider joining the 6th Annual Mission Work Team to Camp L’Arcada. If interested in trip and registration details, contact Ken Kirby at rkkirby@samford.edu or Dave Wood at dwood35216@gmail.com.

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.

International Friendship Partner Program — Join Friendship Partners this Fall! It’s a great way to use your spiritual gifts and build cross-cultural friendships. Orientation is July 28 or August 9. Contact Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org for information and to apply.

Trailblazers Travel — 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.

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

Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff. There are a number of full and part-time positions open. To learn more or apply go to briarwood.org/employment.

Briarwood Christian School. There are multiple openings for this coming school year. To see job requirements and to apply, go to briarwoodchristianschool.org/about/employment.

email: info@briarwood.org — website: briarwood.org

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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! *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, but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on His law he meditates day and night.* Psalm 1:1, 2

Pray for The World Games that end today in our city. Al Baker and his team have preached, shared the Gospel and handed out material to thousands of people each day. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through their efforts.

Pray for our ministry partners in the Middle East as God opens the doors for people who meet with them to see their spiritual needs. Pray they will trust the Lord to give them patience and wisdom in listening, speaking and sharing.

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

“Fools for Christ” Ligonier Conference, August 12–13 — Join us for “Fools for Christ,” a Ligonier conference here at Briarwood. As we consider God's perfect wisdom in the gospel and in the Christian life, we can be better prepared to withstand opposition with courageous faith. Though serving the Lord may cost us everything in this world, compromise will cost immeasurably more. Speakers will include Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Dr. Burk Parsons and Dr. Derek Thomas. For additional information and to register with the discounted Briarwood Member rate, go to briarwood.org/Ligonier.

Evangelism Training — Each Wednesday from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in FH from June 29–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. For more information and to register go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized — Mary Sue McClurkin, Eric Messer, Bob Stallings, Beth Boyd

Our Love and Sympathy — to Dan Thompson and family on the death of his father, Warren Thompson, on July 6; to Charlise Hand and family on the death of her husband, member Jack Hand, on July 10; and to Philip, William, and Matthew Earnest on the death of their father and grandfather, John Clay Earnest, on July 10.