

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 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
*Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD,
O You who are of Israel's fountain! Psalm 68:26*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 149:1

All: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in
the assembly of the godly!

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"At the Cross"
Hunter Goff

(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Choir)

O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

Choral Introit

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Hymn 59
Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Praise Him! Praise Him!" Hymn 106

The Confession of Truth*

Colossians 1:28–29

All: Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks 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

“Blessed Assurance” Hymn 345

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination*

Old Testament Reading*†

Psalm 78:1–8

Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Nate Shurden

“Arise and Tell the Coming Generation”

Psalm 78:1–8

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*

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

Postlude

“The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended”

*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

Benny Youngblood

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:10

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“His Mercy Is More”
“Jesus, Messiah”

Shane Davis, Assistant Leader of Worship

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Worthy, Worthy”
Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture and Sermon

Dr. Mark Cushman

“The Blessing of Forgiveness”
Matthew 18:21–35

Benediction*

Doxology*

Shane Davis

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 Pastor Nate Shurden to the pulpit this Lord’s Day morning. Nate currently serves as Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian, in Franklin, TN.

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 Dr. Mark Cushman to the pulpit this Lord’s Day evening. Mark has been on staff at Briarwood for over 17 years as Pastor of Pastoral Care. He and his wife, Leslie, have 3 children and 9 grandchildren.

Announcements

Mark and Leslie Cushman Reception — Tonight after the evening Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to honor the Cushmans for their many years of service in our Pastoral Care Ministry at Briarwood.

Men's and Women's Summer Studies — The final week of the Women's Tuesday Study on "The Parables of Jesus," will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery reservations and details are at briarwood.org/women. The Men's Wednesday Morning Study will continue for the next two weeks at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See details at briarwood.org/men.

YBL/WBL Summer Series — Thursday, July 28 at 6:00–7:30 a.m. in the Samford University Cooney Hall. Come hear Christian business professionals share how integrity has shaped their journey in the marketplace! Free event. For info and to sign up, go to ybl.org/event.

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.

CMMA Welcome Dinner — Tuesday, August 2. Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama invites all who are new to the medical community of Birmingham, especially first year med students and residents. For information, contact Bobby Parks at bjparks@briarwood.org.

Super Summer — Fun activities for K5–6th graders each day by grade. This week we will have Ed's Pet World, outings to McWane Center and Six Flags. See details and a full list of activities at briarwood.org/supersummer. Register at 9:15 a.m. in the Gym Lobby.

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!

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.

Post-Abortive Small Groups — Are you struggling with past hurts relating to an abortion experience? There is hope and healing through the "Forgiven and Set Free" Bible study. Small groups are forming now. Contact Heather Payne, post-abortive facilitator, at 205-529-8875.

Designated Gifts Policy — 1. Directions regarding donations to a specific individual are advisory rather than mandatory. That is, the administration and disbursement of all mercy funds are subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the Mercy Committee and specific designations may not be followed. 2. Amounts set aside for a particular mercy need by the Mercy Committee have a limited duration. Budget remaining at the end of the year will revert to the general mercy fund. Review the full policy at briarwood.org/policies.

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

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! *I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*" Psalm 18:1, 2

Pray for Pastor Reeder as he prepares God's teaching for His people.

In Haiti, gang violence is escalating, wreaking havoc on ministry staff and people they serve by kidnapping, robbery, murder, blocking roads needed to get supplies, and even access to banks. Ask God to bring protection and to restore peace and security throughout Haiti. Thank God for continuing His work through the staff. (The flag of Haiti is featured in today's worship service.)

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. 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.

Attendance Sheet Collection Volunteers Needed — Membership needs volunteers to help gather attendance sheets after each Sunday service. Volunteers are assigned to a monthly off/on rotation and it only takes about 5–10 minutes. If you are interested in helping, contact Angie at 205-776-5387 or aneugent@briarwood.org.

Evangelism Training — 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. For more information and to register go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized — Bob Hand, Terry Chase, Eric Messer, Horace Sanders, Bob Stallings, Mary Sue McClurkin

Our Love and Sympathy — to Ginger and Hannah Marlow, Gretchen Poe and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Jim Minor, on July 15.