Brian 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



Morning Services of Divine Worship - August 14, 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

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:18

All: Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"He Giveth More Grace" Bonnie Furuto, Violinist

(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Choir)

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.

Choral Introit

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymn 8 (vv. 1, 4)
Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Sacrament of Baptism

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"O Worship the King" Hymn 10 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

The Confession of Truth*

1 Corinthians 1:18

All: For the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me" "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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*†

Matthew 28:16-20

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Burk Parsons

"The Great Commission" Matthew 28:16–20

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

"He Leadeth Me"

*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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Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation, Teacher Convocation - 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome Jim Alexander

Call to Worship Psalm 119:33

All: Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* "Glorious Day!"

"It Was Finished Upon That Cross"

Shane Davis, Assistant Leader of Worship

Announcements

Prayer for Teachers and Students

Offertory "Ancient of Days"

Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Reeder

XXVII. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective Foundations From Genesis The Family: Parenting – Part 4 Ephesians 6:1–4

Benediction*

Doxology* John Haines

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 – 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

Persecuted Church Prayer — This evening at 5:00 p.m. in G103. You are invited to join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team for a time of prayer.

"Wait No More" — Saturday, August 20 at Valleydale Church. Join Focus on the Family, in conjunction with Lifeline Children's Services, for this free event where you can learn about foster care and adoption, and practical ways you can support foster and adoptive families. For details go to "Events" on the Briarwood App.

Mad Hatter Tea Party — Saturday, August 27. Briarwood Women, come enjoy each other's company around a cup of tea. We will have an opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with our Briarwood sisters; some giveaways and a special guest! Sign up at briarwood.org/women.

Evangelism Training Informational Dinner — Wednesday, August 31. Join us for a free dinner to learn about our exciting fall evangelism training and how you can share God's gift of love. Find details at briarwood.org/evangelism and register for dinner and nursery, or contact Leigh Ann at 205-776-5301 or lreese@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Soccer Registration — Soccer registration is open for boys and girls age 5–15. Register and find info at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205–776–5114.

Short-Term Spain Mission Trip — Prayerfully consider joining the 6th Annual Mission Work Team to Camp L'Arcada on October 1–9 or 1–14. If interested, please 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.

Sacrament of Baptism — Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or mgathings@briarwood.org for available dates. If you're interested in a "New Believer" baptism, contact Wendy Long at 205-776-5208.

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.

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

Women Business Leaders Director — Skills needed include written and oral communications, strategic planning, fund raising, and leadership. A bachelor's degree, ministry leadership and business experience are required. For information, contact Rob Genin at rgenin@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, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, and Church Facilities.

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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,

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Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Prayers and Praises

Praise the Lord! Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the LORD "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you." Psalm 16:1, 2

Pray for the Special Needs Resource Fair on Monday, August 15 being hosted by the Briarwood Special Connections Ministry. Pray this event will connect people with special needs to resources they need and provide a way for us to show them the love of Christ.

Pray for our ministry partner, Caleb Cheon, who is serving in Taiwan. Pray specifically for protection over Caleb and his family and for the rising tensions with China as Chinese military operations are causing major unrest in the area. (The flag of Taiwan is featured in today's worship service.)

Opportunities for Ministry and Growth

Special Needs Resource Fair — Monday, August 15 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Special Connections Ministry will host a Special Needs Resource Fair to connect people with special needs and their families to services in their city, county, and state. Free and open to anyone who has a disability and their parents/caretakers. For details contact Michael Johnson at mjohnson@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir — Join the Choir each week beginning Wednesday, August 17 in the Choir Room at 6:30 p.m for practice. For info, go to signupforchoir.com.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized — Barbara Castleberry, Leslie Cushman, Bob Hand, Mary Sue McClurkin, Terry Chase

We rejoice — with Brent and Melanie Gilbert on the birth of their daughter, Esther Elizabeth, on July 28.

Our love and sympathy — to Jerry Springfield and family on the death of his brother, Gregg Springfield, on August 6.