

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 – August 28, 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 27:13

All: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“That’s the Wonder of the Cross”

Hannah Brennan, Soloist

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” from Psalm 51

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“And Can It Be?” Hymn 203

The Confession of Truth*

Ezekiel 36:24–27; Jeremiah 31:33

Leader: *I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey My rules.*

All: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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

"Who At My Door Is Standing" From Revelation 3:20
Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"There Is One Gospel"
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

Romans 6:15-23

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLI. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"Gospel Slavery"

Romans 6:15-23

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"In Christ Alone"

*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

Seth Richardson

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:12–13

Leader: *As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.*

All: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

*“Lift High the Name of Jesus”
“Indescribable”*

Shane Davis, Assistant Leader of Worship

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)”

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Reeder

XXVIII. God’s Blueprint in Biblical Perspective
Foundations From Genesis
The Family: Parenting – Part 5
Psalm 127

Benediction*

Doxology*

John Haines

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

Promotion Sunday Today — Children grades K4–6th, stop by the Ministries Lobby before or after Sunday School for donuts.

Adoption Connection — Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Come learn about this ministry to families who have adopted or are adopting and how they promote adoption and adoption education. For information, email w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Counseling in the Local Church — Begins on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in A209. Dr. Stephen Cloud will teach how to conduct more effective personal ministry. For details, contact 205-776-5281 or altadenaministries@briarwood.org.

Griefshare — Begins September 7 and meets each Wednesday from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. If you are adjusting to the death of a loved one, join our 13-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement to those with a hurting heart. Workbook is \$15. For more information, call 205-776-5227.

LIFEMARK Movie — Premiering September 9. From the Kendrick Brothers and starring Kirk Cameron, LIFEMARK is the true story of a young man's journey as he sets out to meet his birth parents. For more info, go to lifemarkmovie.com.

Divorcecare — Beginning September 21 and meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in W203. Join this 12-week small group designed to help you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce with God's grace and wisdom. For more information, call 205-776-5281.

Men's Prayer Group — Meets every Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Building. Contact Dave Matthews for information at dmatthews@briarwood.org.

Attendance Sheet Collection Volunteers Needed — Membership Department 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.

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.

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, fundraising, and leadership. A bachelor's degree, ministry leadership and business experience are required. 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, Special Connections Ministry, and Church Facilities.

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! *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

Pray for those who do not believe in Jesus to understand God's true love for them. Pray for the teams who will share the Gospel on Wednesday nights this fall.

As the Labor Day weekend approaches, pray for three of Briarwood's international ministries—the Japanese congregation, Hispanic congregation, and international student ministry (BIO)—who will be on beach retreats. Pray the Lord will open hearts over the weekend and give participants a desire to continue learning more about Him.

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Evangelism Training Informational Dinner — Wednesday, August 31. Proclaiming God's Gift of Love: Bridging the gap between our sin and His love through the Gospel. Join us for a free Informational Dinner on August 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Reeder and others will explain 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.

Walk Thru The Bible — Sunday, September 11. During the Sunday School hour all adults will meet together in the Worship Center to experience the story of the Old Testament through a fun, compelling, and engaging event that will change the way you read the Bible. Join us again Sunday afternoon from 4:00–6:30 p.m. for the remaining sessions. Children grades 1st-6th will experience Walk Thru the Old Testament in the Fellowship Hall during both sessions. This event is free and open to all, but registration is appreciated. Find the registration link at briarwood.org/events. Nursery reservations required for afternoon sessions.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized — Terry Chase, Duff Quenelle, Kathy Smith, Carrie Turner, Henry Drake, Mary Sue McClurkin

Our love and sympathy — to Lynn Holcombe and family on the death of her mother, Joyce Madrazo, on August 16; to Jill and Luke White and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Steve Jordan, on August 17; and to Jason Cole and family on the death of his father, Richard Cole, on August 23.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Wanda Bennett from Jim Bennett and Benny and Brenda Parks.