

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 – September 4, 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 32:5

Leader: *I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;*

All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Living Hope"
Briarwood Orchestra

Almighty and Holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of Your gift of salvation. I have not loved You as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts You have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by Your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Our Great Savior" Hymn 89 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

The Confession of Truth*

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 35

Leader: *What is sanctification?*

All: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

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 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

"Be Still and Know" from Psalm 46
Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"
Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

Matthew 5:4

Exposition of God's Word

"Good Mourning"
Matthew 5:4

Pastor Benny Parks

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

"Blessed Assurance"

*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

Joel Richards

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:19–20

Leader: *He declares His Word to Jacob, His statutes and rules to Israel.*

All: He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know His rules.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Yes, I Will”

“His Mercy is More”

Hannah Brennan, Assistant Leader of Worship

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Nothing But the Blood”

BYG Worship Band and Singers

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Jay Shaw

“Love and Compassion of the King”

Mark 1:40–45

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

Church and School Offices — Closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

Women's Fall Studies — Starting this Tuesday, September 6. Women, pick from nine studies on a variety of topics Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this fall. Find details and register at briarwood.org/women.

Men's Fall Studies — Starting this Friday, September 9. Men, join us Mondays at 6:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. for learning and fellowship this fall. Topics include a study of Galatians, "Full Contact Discipleship" and *The Doctrine of Repentance* by Thomas Watson. No registration required. See details at briarwood.org/men.

Pickleball Open Play — Tuesday nights 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Come try out America's fastest-growing sport! Paddles provided. No registration required.

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 — Starting this 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 — Starting this 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 in theaters this Friday, 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 on September 21 each Wednesday night 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 through God's grace and wisdom. For more information, call 205-776-5281.

Short-Term Malaysia Mission Trip Info Meeting — Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in A-209. Are you interested in ministering to Muslims? Prayerfully consider attending to learn more about the November 3–14 trip to Kuala Lumpur. Contact Bryan Wintersteen at bwintersteen@briarwood.org or Heather McDougall at hmcdougall@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.

Pastor of Pastoral Care — Candidate will provide pastoral care, leadership, and resources to ensure the proper pastoral care for our members and their families. An interested candidate should inquire with resume to Patti Claud at pclaud@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, Briarwood Christian School 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! *Give ear, O my people, to my teaching. Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!* Psalm 78:1

Pray for Walk Thru the Bible on Sunday, September 11. Pray for the team's safety in travel to Birmingham and for each of us as we prepare for and attend the teaching.

Pray for Kurt and Marlene Schimke, ministry partners serving in Uganda. Motorcycle taxis, called Boda Boda, are used in Uganda to drive people from all walks of life all over the country. Kurt's Boda ministry trains drivers in evangelism and equips them to share the gospel during trips, with time for in-depth conversations with passengers. Pray the gospel will go forth in Uganda through this ministry. (The flag of Uganda is featured in today's worship service.)

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

MidWeek — Join your church family this fall for MidWeek on Wednesdays. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and activities at 6:30 p.m. Take advantage of the opportunities for all ages—Choir, Seminary, Evangelism Training, Bible Studies, Children and Youth Group activities, and more. Go to briarwood.org/midweek to see opportunities and make reservations for dinner and nursery.

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. Nursery reservations required for afternoon sessions. Register for this free event at briarwood.org/events.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized — Terry Chase, Mike Fuller, Nancy Mansfield, Mary Sue McClurkin

We rejoice — with Michael and Amanda Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Grace, on August 27; and with Landon and Andrea Gray on the birth of their son, Roger Lee, on August 30.

Our love and sympathy — to Rebecca Haynes and family on the death of her sister, Charlotte Rogers, on August 24; to Hank and Mary Ann Blackman and family on the death of their son, Beau Blackman, on August 24; and to Kathy Davis, Lisa Bunn and family on the death of their father and grandfather, William V. McBride, on August 26.