

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 11, 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 62:8

All: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“When I Can Read My Title Clear”

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invocation

Sacrament of Baptism

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“How Firm a Foundation” Hymn 275 (vv. 1, 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

*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 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

"O What a Friend"
Sanctuary Choir and Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Great Are You Lord"

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*†

Romans 6:20-21

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"Then and Now"

Romans 6:20-21

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"To God Be the Glory" Hymn 66 (v. 1)

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Westminster Assembly, Kelly, D. F., Rollinson, P. B., & Marsh, F. T. (1986). The Westminster Shorter catechism in modern English. Phillipsburg, N.J: Presbyterian and Reformed Pub

*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. 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.

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Fellowship of Worship



**Today at
9:30 a.m. & 4:00–6:30 p.m.**

Experience the story of the Old Testament through a fun, compelling, and engaging event that will change the way you read the Bible.

**Morning Session
9:30–10:30 a.m.**

Adults – Worship Center
1st–6th grades – Fellowship Hall
K4 & K5 – regular SS class

**Afternoon Session
4:00–6:30 p.m.**

Adults – Worship Center
1st–6th grades – Fellowship Hall
K4 & K5 – Children Auditorium

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

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

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

Men's Fall Studies — 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. 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.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Two classes starting this week in M111: Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Thursday at 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing the assistance of a chair. All classes are free in the month of September. For additional information go to questrecreation.org/fitness-class.

Griefshare MidWeek Class — 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.

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.

Briarwood Ballet "Be Still My Soul" — Saturday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Join Ballet Exaltation as we welcome the renowned Birmingham Boys Choir for a delightful evening of music and dance. Purchase tickets at briarwood.org/ballet.

Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting — Sunday, September 18 at 4:45 p.m. in G103. All are invited to gather for prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Divorcecare MidWeek Class — 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. Call 205-776-5281 for information.

Children's Choir Need — Accompanists needed Sundays from 6:15–7:15 p.m. You do not have to be a concert pianist—just able to play simple accompaniment music. If you can serve, contact Shanna Phillips at sphillips@briarwood.org or 205-222-1062.

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.

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

Facilities Team-member — Full-time position with benefits. The candidate will set up and break down tables and chairs Mondays–Fridays from 1:30–10:00 p.m. Contact Dale Keller at dkeller@briarwood.org or 205-776-5231.

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! *Forever, O LORD, Your Word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations.* Psalm 119:89, 90

Pray for our staff as they prepare for this new semester. Continue to pray for those teaching Walk Thru the Bible today.

Pray for Benjamin and Melanie Kappers, church planters in St. George, Utah. Their newly planted church, All Saints Reformed Church, worshipped together for the first time Sunday, August 7. With so few Christians in the region, ministry opportunities abound. Pray for spiritual fruit in both evangelism and discipleship and for the Lord to reap a great harvest. (The flag of Utah is featured in today's worship service.)

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Walk Thru The Bible — Today at 9:30 a.m. and from 4:00–6:30 p.m. Come experience the story of the Old Testament through a fun, compelling, and engaging event that will change the way you read the Bible. 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.

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.

Our Church Family

Hospitalized — Mike Fuller, Bob Hand, Mary Sue McClurkin, Joyce Scott

Our love and sympathy — to Lisa Williams and family on the death of her husband, member Al Williams, on September 1; and to Duane, Jessica, Erin, Rachel, Emily, Ryan, Jamie, Sarah and Michael Pritchett and family on the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Johnnie Mae Holdcroft, on September 1.