

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 18, 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

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 34:1, 3

Leader: *I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

All: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"We Will Glorify"

Briarwood Orchestra

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest. adapted from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Hymn 97

The Confession of Truth*

from the Book of Romans, selected verses

Leader: *I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

All: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Leader: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

All: But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

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

*"Behold He Comes"
"Lo! He Comes in Clouds Descending"
Sanctuary Choir*

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

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 6:23

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of God
"Sin's Wage? God's Gift?"
Romans 6:23

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*

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

Postlude

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

**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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Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version.



Fellowship of Worship

Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Solo Introit

“Dancing on the Waves”

Luke Philley

Welcome

Jay Shaw

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:20–21

Leader: *Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.*

All: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“His Mercy Is More”

“Death Was Arrested”

Shane Davis, Assistant Leader of Worship

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Shane Davis, Assistant Leader of Worship

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Reeder

I. Zechariah in Biblical Perspective
Zechariah

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

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 — Begins this Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in W203. Join this 12-week Wednesday 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.

Trailblazers Coffee — Friday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear Vestavia Hills police Captain Johnny Evans give an update on crime and fraud in our area. Contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org for more information.

Reception for Dean Hodge – Saturday, September 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Halls E&F. All are invited to celebrate Dean Hodge for her faithful years of service to the church through the Flower Guild and L.O.V.E. Ministry. No registration required. Childcare not provided. Contact Kristie Harrick at 205-776-5258 with any questions.

Reformation Tour with Pastor Reeder — April 10–21, 2023. Informational meeting Sunday, September 25, in the Chapel following the evening service. For details, contact Amy Lattner at 205-776-5364 or alattner@briarwood.org.

YBL Breakfast — Friday, September 30 at Vestavia Country Club, 6:30-7:45 AM. Guest speaker is Mark Whitacre, senior executive with Coca-Cola. Come hear his journey as a former FBI whistle-blower on one of the largest corporate espionage cases in history (basis for the Matt Damon movie, "The Informant!"). Register at ybl.org.

Youth/Children Communicants Class Parent Meeting — Sunday, October 9. Discuss and pray with your child about attending. See the fall class schedule for 4th–6th graders at briarwood.org/children. Email Page Dollar to sign up at pdollar@briarwood.org.

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, meeting 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 chair assistance. Classes are free in September. Information at questrecreation.org/fitness-class.

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. 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, 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! *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.* Psalm 19:1, 2

Pray for those throughout the earth who are in difficult situations. Pray for them to call upon the Name of the Lord for strength.

Pray for Sean Miller who works with Child Evangelism Fellowship as he provides board trainings and strategic planning initiatives with the local team in the Bahamas. Pray for fruitful, Holy Spirit-inspired planning ideas for their evangelism and discipleship plan, *Every Child Reached on Every Inhabited Island*. (The flag of Bahamas is featured in today's worship service.)

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

Children's Choirs are back — Join them tonight from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Children will leave the 6:00 p.m. worship service to go to their choir rooms: Preschool (age 4 by September 1) - M202, 1st & 2nd grades - M213, 3rd to 6th grade boys - M111, and 3rd to 6th grade girls - M208. Register at briarwood.org/childrenschoirs.

MidWeek — Join your church family this fall for MidWeek on Wednesdays with dinner at 5:15 p.m. and activities at 6:30 p.m. There are 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 —Terry Chase, Mike Fuller, Bob Hand, Hadden Smith, Vangie Thames, Marilyn Williams, Lydia Ivey

Our love and sympathy — to Pat Sillavan and family on the death her brother, Rick Lodwick, on September 6; to Blane, Andrew and Christopher McCarthy and family on the death of their wife and mother, member Melissa McCarthy, on September 8; to Cooper Scoggins and family on the death of his father, Charlie Scoggins, on September 10; and to Jim, Ken, Mary Jo, David and Jonathan Blackmon, Anna Joy Powell and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Mary Jeanette Blackmon, on September 11.

The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Melissa McCarthy.