

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 25, 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 100:5

All: His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymn 267

The Confession of Truth*

The Law of 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

*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 Tithe and Our Offerings

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:19, 20

Musical Offering of Worship

"God So Loved the World"
Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)"
Hannah Brennan, Worship Assistant

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

Romans 7:1–6

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLIV. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"The Law of God and the Gospel of God"

Romans 7:1–6

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*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

"Trumpet Voluntary"

*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	<i>“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”</i> Shane Davis, Soloist
Welcome	Stephen King
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*	<i>“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”</i> <i>“He Will Hold Me Fast”</i> Shane Davis, Assistant Leader of Worship
Announcements	
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory	<i>“The Goodness of God”</i> Daniel Cason
Scripture and Sermon	Pastor Reeder II. Zechariah in Biblical Perspective <i>The Gospel According to Zechariah</i> “Repent” Zechariah 1:1–6
Benediction*	
Doxology*	Daniel Cason
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

Reformation Tour Informational Meeting — Tonight in the Chapel following the evening worship service. Travel to England, Scotland and Wales with Pastor Reeder April 10–21. For details, contact Amy Lattner at 205-776-5364 or alattner@briarwood.org.

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

YBL Golf Tournament — Tuesday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. Come to the 33rd Annual Golf Tournament at the Inverness Country Club and enjoy a time of fellowship and golf. Register to participate as an individual, bring a team or sponsor the event at ybl.org.

Adoption Connection — Wednesday, October 5 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.

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.

Divorcecare MidWeek Class — Wednesdays 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 the Counseling Ministry at 205-776-5281 for information.

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.

Singles Pastor — Full-time position to develop and oversee the Singles Ministry. He will help meet the needs of the single adults in their 20s and 30s at Briarwood as well as train and equip them for ministry and service in the church and community. Send resume to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5301.

Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff — There are a number of full and part-time ministry positions open: Board Directed Ministries, YBL Ministries, Music Worship, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, Briarwood Christian School 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,

Harry

Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Prayers *and* Praises

Praise the Lord! *Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise! Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.* Psalm 84:4, 5

Pray for the children of Ukraine as they return to school in certain areas of the country. May God's protection surround them during this process.

Pray for our Friendship Partners program as participants begin building friendships and sharing cultures. Our hope is to build trust and have positive shared experiences. Pray for God to stir many hearts to want to learn about Jesus and for our American partners to share their hope in Him with these new friends. (The flag of Pakistan is featured in today's worship service.)

Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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 — Mary Brennecke, Terry Chase, Mike Fuller, Hadden Smith III, Bob Hand, Marilyn Williams

Our love and sympathy — to Carl Pennington, Lori Cooper, Leslie Carlton and family on the death of their brother and uncle, John Pennington, on September 10; to Katherine and Abigail Taylor and family on the death of their father and grandfather, L.M. 'Pete' McLean, on September 13; to Philip, William and Matthew Earnest and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Katherine Moore Earnest, on September 15; to Julie, Rachel, Hannah and Lydia Austin and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Linda Wood, on September 15; to Windsu Kelly and family on the death of her brother, Tommy Kelly, on September 18; to Cherybe Thornton and family on the death of her husband, Joe Thornton, on September 18; and to Ed Denton and family on the death of his mother, Betty Denton, on September 20.