



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*For God's glory, we are committed
to equipping Christians to worship God
and to reach Birmingham
to reach the world
for Christ.*

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship – October 9, 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

Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words... Deuteronomy 4:10

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 91:1–2

All: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Leaning”

Hunter Goff and Denise Wichlan, Soloists

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, the rest of ceaseless praise. 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*

“Soldiers of Christ, Arise” Hymn 478

The Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 6:12–13

All: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Leader: *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

I call upon the LORD Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

Musical Offering of Worship

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"O, Church Arise"
"Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

Prayer of Illumination*

Old Testament Reading*†

Psalm 11

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Rob Looper
Pastor of National Missions and Church Revitalization

"No Retreat"
Psalm 11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3

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

"Glorious Is Thy Name"

*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.

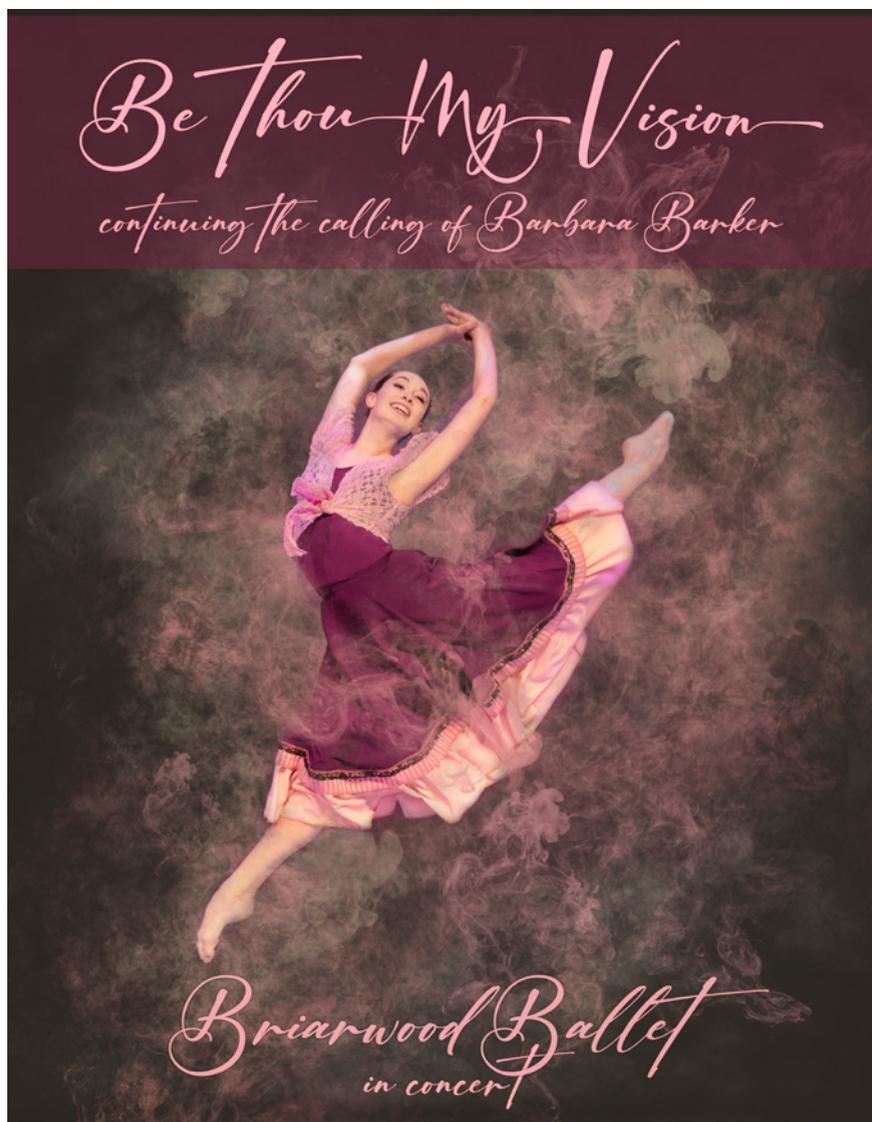
The 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. services are available online at briarwood.org/livestream.

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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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



GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

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.

–Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Seth Richardson Reception — Tonight following the evening service in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us as we say thank you to Seth for his ten-plus years of ministry with the Briarwood Fellows program.

Hurricane Ian Relief Giving — If you wish to donate to those who have been affected by the recent hurican in Florida, you can write a check to Briarwood with the memo “Hurricane Relief.”

Veteran’s List — Help us update our list of members who have served our country in preparation for Veterans Day. Send your name, rank, and branch of service to Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org.

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.

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Dave Matthews leads a study of Matthew in A105 on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

MidWeek at Briarwood — 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. See all classes and make reservations for dinner and nursery at briarwood.org/midweek.

Sunday School Communities — The fall quarter is from September 4 to November 27. To see all available classes, go to briarwood.org/sundayschool.

Sacrament of Baptism — Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or mgathings@briarwood.org for available dates. If you’re interested in a “New Believer” baptism, contact Wendy Long at 205-776-5208.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

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, Music Worship, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, Briarwood Christian School and Church Facilities.

See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be Thou My Vision — The Briarwood Ballet | October 9

Come tonight at 6:00 p.m. as The Briarwood Ballet will lean us in a time of worship in the Worship Center. It will be an evening of music and dance honoring the life and ministry of Barbara Barker. No registration required.

WBL Fall Faith and Work Luncheon — Women Business Leaders | October 14

Friday October 14 from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Come hear Shaunti Feldhahn share how to turn anxiety and stress to peace and productivity. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

National Missions Conference 2022 — Briarwood Missions | October 23–24

Join us Sunday, October 23 and Monday, October 24 for our National Ministries Conference, featuring guest speaker, Reverend John Sartelle. We will hear from ministry partners during the Sunday School hour and during breakout sessions Sunday and Monday nights. Nursery reservations are required for evening events. For details on the conference go to briarwood.org/nmc.

EMC Convocation Sunday — Every Member Commitment | October 30

Join us Sunday, October 30 at 9:30 a.m. for a joint a Sunday School hour for all adults. Briarwood's Every Member Commitment is an annual event allowing church members to declare what their support in the work of the Lord with their gifts and service will be for the coming calendar year through their church.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Praise the Lord! *The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion. He is exalted over all the peoples!* Psalm 99:1, 2

Local Prayer — Pray for the ballet performance tonight “Be Thou My Vision” honoring Barbara Barker. Pray for our dancers to be well and safe and for God to be glorified.

Missions Prayer — Pray for the Lord to guide all the preparations for the upcoming National Ministries Conference October 23–24. Pray for our speaker, Reverend John Sartelle, as he plans for the conference as well as all for all the missionaries who have committed to attend. Pray the Lord will mobilize his people at Briarwood to go into the community with the good news of Christ.

Members Hospitalized — Gene Branham, Cindy Goocher, Bob Hand, Bart Kidd, Florence Salmer, Hadden Smith III

Our Love and Sympathy — to Michele, Robert, Sarah and Elizabeth Mann on the death of their mother and grandmother, Judy Dressman, on September 28; and to the family of member Barbara Castleberry on her death on October 2.