



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 16, 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 1:1–2

Leader: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

All: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

Sanctuary Choir and Briarwood Orchestra

Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as “living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship.” Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Invocation

Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Standing on the Promises” Hymn 271 (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 by which our whole person is made new in the image of God, and we are made more and more able to become dead to sin and alive to righteousness.

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 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 Word of God Incarnate"
Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"O What A Friend"
Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymn 2 (vv. 1, 3)

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*

New Testament Reading*†

Romans 7:7-12

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLVI. Romans in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of God
"The Law of God and the Gospel of God – Part 3"
Romans 7:7-12

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*

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

Postlude

*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 Daniel Cason

Call to Worship Psalm 51:7
Bryan Wintersteen

All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise* *“Power in the Blood”*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Daniel Cason, Soloist

Scripture and Homily Chad Escue, Pastoral Intern

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”
I Corinthians 11:23–26

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation *“There is a Redeemer”* Hymn 206 (vv. 1, 2)

Confession of Sin

Receiving of the Elements Denise Wichlan and Daniel Cason, Soloists

Hymn of Response *“There is a Redeemer”* Hymn 206 (v.3)

Benediction*

Postlude

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

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

Veterans’ 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.

English Classes — ESL classes are Mondays (September 12 to November 28) from 10:00.–11:45 a.m. in FH and G rooms and Wednesdays (September 14 to November 9) from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in E313. Want to volunteer? Contact Caroline Brown for information and training options at cbrown@briarwood.org or 205-776-5343.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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. Information at questrecreation.org/fitness-class.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

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 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

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 on Sunday and Monday nights. Nursery reservations are required for evening events. For details on the conference go to briarwood.org/nmc.

SHINE – Children’s Missions Ministry | Sunday, October 23 & 24

K4 – 6th-grade children, join us for SHINE (Sharing In Neighborhoods Everywhere) during our National Ministries Conference in the Children’s Auditorium. There will be missionaries speaking, fun and games! No registration is required. Parents, drop off your children at their normal locations Sunday morning.

EMC Convocation Sunday — Every Member Commitment | October 30

Join us Sunday, October 30 at 9:30 a.m. for a joint Sunday School for all adults. The Every Member Commitment is an annual event that allows church members to declare their support for the work of the Lord at Briarwood through their time, talents and church offerings for the coming calendar year. For details, go to briarwood.org/emc.

Christmas at the Caroline House | November 15 & 16

Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Come and be encouraged by the program focused on the Good News we have in Jesus Christ. Find details at briarwood.org/women. Tickets (\$15) are on sale in the Bookstore. There are a limited number available so get yours today!

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local Prayer — Pray for our spiritual leaders throughout America and the world. Pray for their protection, direction from God, wisdom and courage to do what is right in God’s eyes.

Missions Prayer — Pray for our Church Revitalization Pastor, Rob Looper, as he continues to meet with Pastors and church leaders from multiple denominations in several states about the Church Revitalization resources offered through Lampstand.

Members Hospitalized — Terry Chase, Roy Costner, Bob Hand, Alison Hill

Our Love and Sympathy — to Karen and Hadden Smith IV, Kerstin Lynch, Jessica Crain and family on the death of their husband and father, member Hadden Smith III, on October 6.

Welcome these new members who recently joined Sunday, October 9 — Ruth Beenken, Cabell & Kathryn Brockman, Reid Butts, Ryan Hobbs, Margaret Hodges, Caleb Landers, Matthew Landers, Delora Lightsey, Sam Martin, Asher Murphree, Lilly Pruitt, Michael, Angela & Miles Stewart