



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

National Ministries Conference – October 23, 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 86:8–9

Leader: *There is none like You among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like Yours.*

All: All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O LORD, and shall glorify Your name.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“How Great Thou Art”

Julia Ivey, Soloist

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

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Hymn 276

The Confession of Truth*

Romans 10:13–15

Leader: *“...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

All: How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Leader: *And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,*

All: *“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”*

National Ministries Partners

Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

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
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"It Was Finished Upon that Cross"
Hannah Brennan, Worship Leader

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*†

Acts 1:1–8

Exposition of God's Word

Reverend John Sartelle

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"How Do Lambs Hunt Wolves?"
Acts 1:1–8

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Let All Things Now Living"

*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

National Ministries Conference – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude Hunter Goff

Welcome Rob Looper

Announcements

Call to Worship 1 Peter 2:9

All: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise* “Rise Up, O Church of God” Hymn 293
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

Offertory Prayer

Offertory “Jesus Shall Reign”
Hunter Goff, Soloist

Sermon and Scripture Reverend John Sartelle

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For Such a Time as This
“Do Your Prayers Shake the Earth?”
Revelation 8:1–5

Benediction*

Doxology

Postlude

National Ministry Glimpse

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

Adoption Connection — Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Roe v. Wade was struck down. Now what? There will be an increased need for fostering and adoption. Come to Adoption Connection to find out how you can get involved. Email w.carter.ralph@gmail.com for information.

Angel Tree Volunteers Needed — November 6 and 13. We need people willing to work adoption tables. Contact Jenny Allen at jallen@briarwood.org or 205-776-5404.

English Classes — Mondays (September 12 to November 28) from 10:00–11:45 a.m. in the FH and G101 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.

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.

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 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.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Local Mobilization Pastor — Candidate will be an experienced pastoral leader and champion for local ministry outreach. He will lead Briarwood's Local Ministry Team in mobilizing Briarwood members to serve the Birmingham community through our ministry partnerships. He will either be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Interested candidates should send resume to Heather McDougall at hmcDougall@briarwood.org or for more information call her at 205-776-5279.

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 Ministries Conference 2022 — Briarwood Missions | October 23 & 24

Join us today, Sunday, October 23 and tomorrow evening, 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.

SHINE — Children's Missions Ministry | Sunday, October 23 & 24

K4 – 6th-grade children, join us for SHINE (Sharing Him In Neighborhoods Everywhere) during our National Ministries Conference in the Children's Auditorium. No registration is required. 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 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. For details, go to briarwood.org/emc.

Always Faithful — Briarwood Ballet | November 3

Thursday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Briarwood Worship Center. Please join us as we reflect on the certainty of God's faithfulness through all generations. This annual fall worship concert is led by Immanuel. Free admission.

Christmas at the Caroline House — Briarwood Women | 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. Tickets are on sale in the Bookstore for \$15. For details, go to briarwood.org/cch.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

If My people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14

Missions Prayer — Pray for the National Ministries Conference events today and tomorrow. Ask the Lord to encourage and mobilize us as a church into the ministry field that surrounds us in Birmingham, the state of Alabama, and the United States.

Members Hospitalized — Bob Hand, Windsu Kelly, Jim Price, Marilyn Williams, L.G. Wright, Dottie Ammon, Tom Chappell

Our Love and Sympathy — to Thomas Garner and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Garner, on October 16; to Bob Bellows and family on the death of his mother, Frances Bellows, on October 15; to the family of member Vangie Thames on her death on October 17; to the family of member Loyd Brannon on his death on October 17.