



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 30, 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 46:6–7

Leader: *The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.*

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"But Thanks Be to God"

Briarwood Orchestra

"This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. It does not lie asleep in the soul. Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man, and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident." –Martin Luther

Piper Presentation

"Highland Cathedral"

Thomas Caucutt, bagpipes

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"A Mighty Fortress" Hymn 26

The Confession of Truth*

The Solas of the Reformation

Leader: *Sola Scriptura:*

All: The Scripture alone is our only authoritative rule for faith and life.

Leader: *Sola Gratia:*

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone.

Leader: *Sola Fide:*

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone.

Leader: *Solus Christus:*

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone.

Leader: *Soli Deo Gloria*:

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone that we might Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Remembrance of God's Saints and Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

Hymn of Remembrance

"For All the Saints" Hymn 546

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 Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"It Was Finished Upon That Cross"

Sanctuary Choir and Briarwood Orchestra
Audrey Jowers, Korey Cox, Alonza Jones, Soloists

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*†

2 Timothy 3:14–15

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

"Sola Scriptura"

2 Timothy 3:14–15

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation with Piper Recessional*

"Amazing Grace" Hymn 202

Postlude

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

*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

Welcome Benny Parks

Call to Worship Psalm 46:1–3

Leader: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

All: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way; though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”
“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”
Shane Davis, Worship Assistant

Introduction to Martin Luther Pastor Reeder

Video Presentation of Martin Luther Austin Robinson

Announcements:

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*
Mens’ Ensemble / Ken Berg, Director

Sermon and Scripture Pastor Reeder

“The Wild Boar of the Reformation”
Hebrews 12:1–2

Benediction*

Doxology John Haines

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

Adoption Connection — Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Are you considering adoption? Adoption Connection group is a great way to learn more about your options and meet other families who have been through the process.

Congregational Meetings — The Session has called Congregational Meetings for Sunday, December 4 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2025 and Sunday, December 11 for the purposes of receiving the 2023 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on December 4. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:55 a.m. service. There will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. in the Worship Center on December 11 to receive the 2023 budget.

Angel Tree "Angels" — Sunday, November 6 and 13. Visit displays in the Chapel or Bookstore area to adopt angels. Gifts are due November 20. We need people willing to work adoption tables. Contact Jenny Allen jallen@briarwood.org or 205-776-5404 for more information.

Trailblazers "Biscuits and Boxes" — Tuesday November 8 at 9:00 a.m. Come pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Cassie Poarch from OCC will share about the ministry. Bring clothing items, toys, school supplies and non-liquid toiletry items to share. Also accepting these items in the membership office. For more information contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

Trailblazers Travel — March 27–31, Charleston, South Carolina. Trip includes historic Charleston City Market, Harbor Cruise, Guided Tour, Middleton Place, historic Charleston home, and Charleston plantation. Trip price is \$715 and the \$75 deposit is due November 30. Contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF GOD'S SAINTS

Don Pavel, Sandra Shamblin, Leila Welch, Ann Parks, Merle Coursey, Betty Watts, Cile Leach, Buzz Manning, Victor Hanson, Lila Slappey, Frank Barker, Barbara Barker, Anita Barnes, Tommy Langford, Charles Campbell, Louie Reese, Doug Howard, Donna Greene, Betty Wilson, Bob Ryan, James Bruce Evans, Wanda Gentle, Ruth Brannon, Tom Lile, George Lummis, Anne Roberts, Bill Scott, Carol Coggin, Emily Ward, Jerry Minor, Denise Osborne, Kay Porter, Don O'Cain, Jack Hand, Bob Stallings, Horace Sanders, Peggy Fortier, Shirley Tamblyn, Al Williams, Melissa McCarthy, Barbara Castleberry, Hadden Smith III, Vangie Thames

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Half Caregiving Luncheon — Young Business Leaders | November 2

November 2 from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Inverness Country Club. Come hear four panelists speak on practical decision-making, coping with issues, and grieving. Purchase tickets at ybl.org/2nd-half-ministry.

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.

Commitment Sunday — Every Member Commitment | November 6

This is the day for member to turn in their commitment cards. 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.

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

Local Prayer — Pray for our missionaries who came to visit with us last week during the National Missions Conference. Pray for their safety, good health and their ministry.

Missions Prayer — Many of the international students in Birmingham have never opened a Bible. As Briarwood members walk with them through Scripture weekly in our one-on-one Bible reading ministry, pray that the Lord would cause blind eyes to see. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Members Hospitalized — Al Black, Amanda Bronner, Sandy Brothers, Bob Hand, Diana Faulkner, Hugh Jacks, Windsu Kelly, Jim Price, Marilyn Williams, L.G. Wright, Lynn McWaters

Our Love and Sympathy — to Terry Millican and family on the death of her brother, Joseph Willard Jr., on October 15; to Kelly, Rowen, Hudson and Hannah Akers and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Steve Sprayberry, on October 21; to Susan Dobbs and family on the death of her sister, Kathy Christensen, on October 23; and to Jon Newman and family on the death of his father, Edwin Newman, on October 25.

We rejoice with — Jonathan and Morgan Neely on the birth of their daughter, Emory Jane, on October 24 and her grandparents Andy and Charisse Graves, and great-grandparents Bunk and Jan Graves.