



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.*

BRIARWOOD.ORG

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Global Ministries Conference – Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 117:1-2

All: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my Substitute, and His righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, returning home a prodigal, crying, Father, forgive me, and You always bringing forth the best robe. May I never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the vast righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, and the exceeding wonder of grace." –from The Valley of Vision

Choral Introit

"The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Briarwood Men's Ensemble

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymns of Ascents*

"Christ for the World We Sing" Trinity Hymnal

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 145:1-7

Leader: *I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.*

All: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Leader: *On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.*

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so... Psalm 107:2

Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

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

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy"

Briarwood Men's Ensemble

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Across the Lands"

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*†

3 John 5-8

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

V. Global Ministries Conference 2023

Tell the Wonderful Story

"The Great Commission Fellowship"

3 John 5-8

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Prayer and Meditation for Faith Promise

"People Need the Lord"

Daniel Cason, Pianist

Faith Promise Pledge Reception

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Hymn 296

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation and Flag Recessional*

"Lift High the Cross" Hymn 304

Postlude

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

*The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

†K4-3rd grade dismiss to the Children's Auditorium for Children's Worship.

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.

Texts used with permission granted through CCLI License agreement 124545.

Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version.

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude		Youngmi Shin
Welcome		Bryan Wintersteen
Call to Worship		Psalm 145:2–6
All:	“Every day I will bless You and praise Your Name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.	
Hymn of Adoration*		“How Great Thou Art” Korean Congregation Choir
Prayer of Invocation		Sunghoon Shin
Greeting and Announcements		Taylor Barnes
Songs of Praise	“Somos El Pueblo De Dios” (“We Are the People of God”) Hispanic Congregation Praise Team	
Offertory Prayer		Kotaro Hamamatsu
Offertory		“I Love to Tell the Story” Japanese Congregation Choir
Scripture and Sermon	“Of First Importance” I Corinthians 15:1–11	Joel Richards
	SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER <i>Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19</i>	
Hymn of Preparation		“There Is a Fountain” Hymn 196 (vv. 1, 3)
Confession of Sin		Pastor Reeder
Receiving of the Elements		
Hymn of Response		“There Is a Fountain” Hymn 196 (v. 5)
Faith Promise Announcement		
Benediction in Multiple Languages		Matthew 28:19-20 Joel Acevedo, Spanish • Sunghoon Shin, Korean Kotaro Hamamatsu, Japanese • Harry Reeder, English
Congregational Affirmation		“To God be the Glory” Hymn 66 (v. 1)
Postlude		Youngmi Shin

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Promise Pledges — Turn in your Faith Promise card during today's worship services, mail your card to Briarwood, email faithpromise@briarwood.org with your commitment, or fill out the form at briarwood.org/faithpromise.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class — This class for newcomers and prospective members begins March 8. It includes one Wednesday night class (March 8), one Saturday morning class (March 11), one Sunday morning class (March 12) and, for those who are joining, a luncheon (March 19). By attending, you are not obligated to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 205-776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. This group for adoption/foster families or others who want to support them, exists to ask, share, and support. Contact Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

CMMA Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (adult, children and infant) and acetaminophen for its mission trips to the Dominican Republic this spring. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

Kingdom Come — Join Pastor Reeder as he speaks at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida March 31–April 1 for their annual World View Conference. Other speakers include Sinclair Ferguson, Tim Sansbury, Michael Kruger, and Erwin Lutzer. Register at crpc.org/kingdomcome.

Couples Retreat — April 21–23. Come invest in your marriage and enjoy a weekend away together in Chattanooga! We will have three sessions, a married panel discussion, and Sunday morning worship. This event is for young couples and couples with school-aged children. For additional information and registration go to briarwood.org/events.

VBS 2023 — June 5–9. Registration will open in April. Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org if you are interested in volunteering. We need empty Crystal Light containers for VBS. Drop yours off in the VBS Staff mailbox on the first floor M Hall.

Leadership Lessons from the Battlefields — July 10–14. Travel with Pastor Reeder as we visit Lexington, Winchester, Antietam, Gettysburg, Manassas, and Appomattox learning leadership lessons highlighted in the context of battlefield combat during the Civil War. Space is limited! Contact Leigh Anne Reese at 205-776-5301 or lreese@briarwood.org.

Worship Center Flowers — Last week's flowers in the Worship Center Lobby were given in memory of Denise Thompson Sherling by her husband and son, Daniel Sherling II and Daniel Sherling III, from her funeral on February 24.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

CMMA Ministry Assistant — Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama is seeking a full-time administrative and ministry assistant for support of its operational and ministerial programs. Contact Molly McLain at mmclain@briarwood.org if interested.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Stories of Courage” — Women Business Leaders | March 16

Invite a friend and join us Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. for a panel discussion about the stories of four delightful women and how the Lord has been faithful along their journey. Find additional information and register at wblbirmingham.org.

Palm Sunday — Holy Week 2023 | April 2

Palm Sunday starts off our Holy Week celebrations as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children ages K4–6th grade will have the opportunity to begin our morning worship services with a palm branch procession. Join us again Sunday evening as Fernando Ortega leads us in a worship concert for Holy Week preparation. This event will be free and open to the public. See additional details at briarwood.org/easter.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service — Holy Week 2023 | April 6

Maundy Thursday is the night that the Passover was transformed and translated from the Old Covenant Meal to the New Covenant Lord's Supper. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a service of remembrance and celebration with Communion at the Tables.

Good Friday — Holy Week 2023 | April 7

Join us at noon on Good Friday as we assemble in the Worship Center for a Service of Reflection on the Cross with Bible readings and the singing of the great Atonement hymns.

Easter Sunday — Holy Week 2023 | April 9

Resurrection Lord's Day we celebrate our risen Savior with a Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. and worship services at 8:00 and 10:55. What a great privilege to declare on that day that “He is Risen!” We conclude Holy Week with Voice of the Martyrs artists, Gary and Amy Wixtrom (Shreve), in concert for an Easter evening celebration at 6:00 p.m.

Make nursery reservations for events at briarwood.org/nursery.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for those who have not prayed to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. Ask God to touch their hearts so they will receive Him as their Lord and Savior. Pray all the members of the congregation will gain an increased understanding about participation in the Faith Promise and prayerfully choose to be a part of reaching the world for Christ through our missionaries. Pray God will cause us to trust Him to enable us to pledge and give as he provides.

Hospitalized — Mark Crain, Jim Weaver, Lou Wood

Our love and sympathy — to Russell Whittenburg and family on the death of his father, Bob Whittenburg, on February 22; to Dan Thompson and family on the death of his mother, Dorothy ‘Dot’ Thompson, on February 26; and to Mary Claire and Rob Warlick and family on the death of their father and grandfather, John Law Robinson, on February 26.

email: info@briarwood.org — website: briarwood.org
2200 Briarwood Way — Birmingham, Alabama 35243 — 205-776-5200