



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 – Sunday, March 12, 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:33

All: Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hunter Goff, Organist

*"Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness."
—from The Valley of Vision*

Invocation

Sacrament of Baptism

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymns of Ascents*

"We Are God's People" Hymn 283 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe?*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *universal

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 Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*"My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"
"Trust and Obey" Hymn 349*

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*†

Mark 2:1-11

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

VI. Project Andrew:
Bring Them to Him
"Your Sins Are Forgiven"
Mark 2:1-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Response*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

*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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Matthew and Carla Genin

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1–2

Leader: *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

“How Great Is Our God”
“How Great (Psalm 145)”
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Reeder

XII. Zechariah In Biblical Perspective
“The Divine Word #1: The Branch”
Zechariah 6:9–15

Benediction*

Doxology*

Postlude

GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

We’re delighted you are worshiping 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

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.

Easter Lily Dedication — Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday. Order now online at briarwood.org/lily or drop by the Membership Office (A101). Order deadline is Sunday, March 26.

Graduate Information Needed — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form on the website. High school seniors go to briarwood.org/seniors. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

Pickleball — Come and join us in the Gym for open play on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00–9:00 p.m. For more information, call 205-776-5237 or visit questrecreation.org.

Kingdom Come — March 31–April 1. Join Pastor Reeder as he speaks at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 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.

Trailblazers Travel — September 27–October 5. Join us as we explore Tuscany. Contact Sharon at 205-776-5320 or go to briarwood.org/trailblazers for more information.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Children's and Graduate & Career's Administration Assistant — Part time position for a Briarwood member requiring basic computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Publisher) plus graphic design abilities; organization, and coordinating events for the two ministries. For additional information go to briarwood.org/employment.

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 journeys. Find additional information and register at wblbirmingham.org.

Palm Sunday, Fernando Ortega in Concert — Holy Week 2023 | April 2

Our Holy Week celebrations begins with Palm Sunday 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 on 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 a.m. 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.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Continue to be in prayer for our missionaries. Pray for their protection, direction, wisdom and courage. The next Lampstand Conference is scheduled for September 28–30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Penn. May the Lord prepare the heart of each pastor and church leader who plan to attend. Pray for the Lampstand team as they share strategies from God's Word for church health and revitalization. (The flag of Pennsylvania is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Jim Bragan

Our love and sympathy — to David, Walter and William Hurst Moore and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Joyce Moore, on March 5; and to Dale Wood and family on the death of his wife, member Lou Wood, on March 6.

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