



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 19, 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 145:1

All: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your Name forever and ever.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Amazing Grace”
Briarwood Orchestra

“Sovereign God, Your cause, not my own, engages my heart, and I appeal to You with greatest freedom to set up Your kingdom in every place where Satan reigns; Glorify Yourself and I will rejoice, for to bring honor to Your name is my sole desire. I adore You that You are God, and long that others should know it, feel it, and rejoice in it. O that all men might love and praise You, that You might have all glory from the intelligent world! Let sinners be brought to You for Your dear name! Lord, use me as You will, do with me what You will; but, O, promote Your cause, let your kingdom come, let Your blessed interest be advanced in this world!” –from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymns of Ascents*

“We Come, O Christ, to You” Hymn 117 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

“Join All the Glorious Names” Hymn 111 (v. 5)

The Confession of Truth*

Acts 1:8

All: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

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
*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"Father, We Adore Thee"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Behold Our God"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

John 20:19–23

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

VII. Project Andrew:
Bring Them to Him
"Sent to Bring"
John 20:19–23

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Song of Prayer

"So Send I You"
Hunter Goff, Soloist

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Response*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Here I Am Lord"

*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

Welcome

Stephen King

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:12–13

All: Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Lift High the Name of Jesus”
“How Great (Psalm 145)”
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Reeder

XIII. Zechariah In Biblical Perspective
“The Prophetic Word #2 The Lord’s Fast
The Prophetic Word #3 True Religion”
Zechariah 7:1–8

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

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.

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

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, to learn 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.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center and Worship Center Lobby are given to the honor and glory of God in memory of Glenn Hodge from members of the Flower Guild and friends. The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the honor and glory of God in memory of Crawford Nevins.

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

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

Our Holy Week celebration 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 (Shreve) Wixtrom, in concert for an Easter evening celebration at 6:00 p.m.

Working Women's Fellowship Dinner — Women's Ministry | Thursday, April 20

Join us Thursday, April 20 in Fellowship Hall E&F at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship and encouragement. Cost is \$7 at the door. Register at briarwood.org/women.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for protection and wisdom of our church and missionary families. May God's grace be sufficient for them through out each day. Pray for National Ministry Partner Matt Schmidt with Engage360 and his wife, Erica, who are expecting their sixth child. Pray also for the launch of Engage360's Homeschool course, which focuses on equipping high school students to know their faith and how to effectively share it with others as bold witnesses. (The flag of North Carolina is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Nancy Moore, Jan Bearden, Sheridan Shirley, Mary Sue McClurkin, Terry Chase

Our love and sympathy — to Dean and Butch Hodge, Sheri Stephens and family on the death of their husband and father, member Glenn Hodge, on March 11; and to Beverly Nevins and family on the death of her husband, member Crawford Nevins, on March 11.

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