

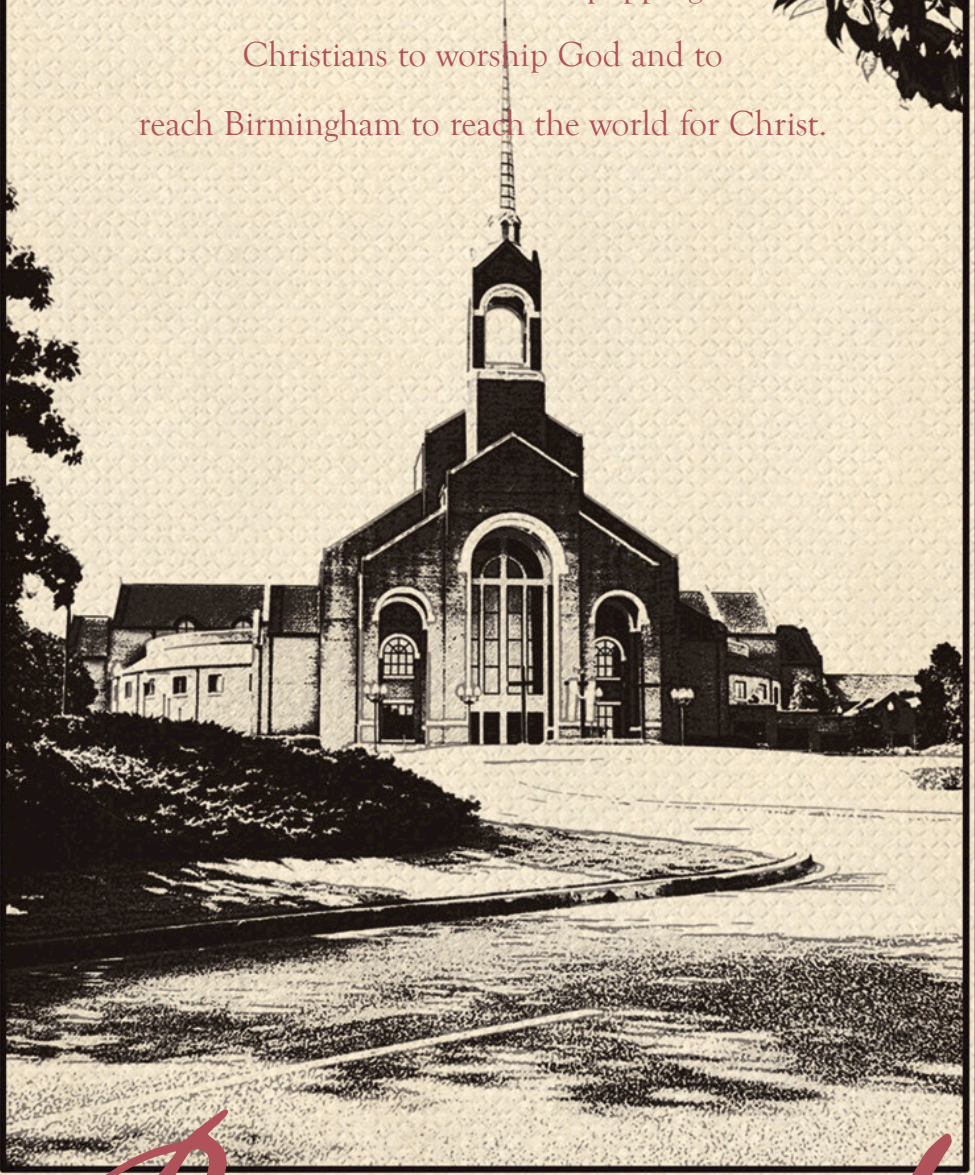


*For God's glory,*

we are committed to equipping

Christians to worship God and to

reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



*Briarwood*

Presbyterian Church, PCA



# Celebration of Worship

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 31, 2021

### Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are of Israel's fountain! Psalm 68:26*

**The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms**

Psalm 46:11

[All:] **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Fortress.**

**The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession**

*"Our Foundation"*

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*

**The Piper Presentation**

*"Amazing Grace"* (Traditional)

Jim MacRae, bagpipes

**The Invocation**

**The Gospel Word of Salvation**

**The Reception of New Members (10:50)**

**\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

**\*The Hymn of Ascents**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* Hymn 26

A mighty Fortress is our God, A Bulwark never failing;

Our Helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe—

His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—

Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him—

His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also—

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

**\*The Confession of Truth**

The Solas of the Reformation

[Leader:] Praise God for the glorious movement of the Holy Spirit with the Word of God that recaptured the Gospel of grace in the Reformation.

[All:] Thanks be to God.

[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.

**The Remembrance of God's Saints and Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

Jerry Satterwhite, Jim Faulkner, Alice Kieran, Nancy Turnage, Debbie Muir, Dicky Dubose, Bill Buck, Sr., Isabel Bradley, Barbara Head, Becky McPherson, Chuck Burgess, Emalee Newbold, Miron Griffin, Betsy Bancroft, Parker Glasgow, Donna Lummus, Lon Evans, Jim Parrish, Lamar Thomas, Jeanette Donaldson, Betsy Pless, Mary Frances Crawford, Bill Cunningham, Bill Dumas, Harvey Bishop, Herb Rader, Claire O'Cain, John Schoppert, Sandra Rushin, Donna Walker, Mary Anne Forbes, Murdoch McRae, Bob Crowe, Sharon Berry, Cheryl Jackson, Dorel Elliott, John Knopf, Dick Scott, Lois Bush, Jamie Smith, Angela Watson, Carl Jernigan, Shirley Tatum, Bonnie Richards, Matt Slay, Lillie Smith, Diana Turner, Jack Bailey

**\*The Hymn of Remembrance**

"For All the Saints" Hymn 546

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Men:]

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Women:]

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[All:]

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way: Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172a*

### The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7*

#### \*The Musical Offering of Worship

*"Name of All Majesty" (K. Lee Scott)*

#### \*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*"In Christ Alone" (Getty)*

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, What depths of peace, When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:123*

#### \*The Prayer of Illumination

#### \*†The New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:15–20

#### The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

The Reformation in Biblical Perspective

"A Three-Fold Reformation"

Colossians 1:15–20

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3*

#### \*The Pastoral Benediction

#### \*The Congregational Affirmation

*"Amazing Grace" Hymn 202 vv. 1, 5*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost But now am found, Was blind but now I see.

When we've been there Ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days  
To sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

#### The Postlude

*"Onward, Christian Soldiers" (Sullivan)*

\*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 10:50 service, please pick up K4–3rd grade children in the Children's Auditorium.

# Prayers *and* Praises

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*Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.* Psalm 146:1, 2

Pray for our Nehemiah Day of prayer this Sunday. Pray for this coming year and our commitment to our Lord through our prayers, our giving and our time to Him.

Lars Hutter with UFM Worldwide has worked for two years on a seminary app to help reach Christians in remote/restrictive areas with Bible training. Praise God the seminary app is complete and ready for testing in Asia. Pray this training for small church groups who take the seminary courses, with testing, will help build up solid church leadership.

*“Continue steadfastly in prayer...”* Colossians 4:2a

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Pick up your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes today or next Sun., Nov. 7 in the Ministries Lobby. Pack it with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child's life with the love of Jesus! Return boxes Nov. 14 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. You can also build a box (\$25) online at [briarwood.org/childrensoutreach](http://briarwood.org/childrensoutreach).

Come claim your Angel Tree “Angel” Sun., Nov. 7 and 14 from displays in the Chapel and Bookstore area. We can also do the shopping for you if you would like to make a contribution by mailing (Attn: Missions Dept./Angel Tree) a check made out to Briarwood OR use the form at [briarwood.org/childrensoutreach](http://briarwood.org/childrensoutreach). Checks or online donations are needed by Nov. 14. Gifts are due Nov. 21. Contact Jenny Allen at 205-776-5404 or [jallen@briarwood.org](mailto:jallen@briarwood.org) for more information.

Begin your Christmas celebration with Christmas at the Caroline House Nov. 15–17. Kickoff with Sophie Hudson will be Mon., Nov. 15 with House Tours Tue., Nov. 16 and Wed., Nov. 17. For details, go to [briarwood.org/cch](http://briarwood.org/cch). You can purchase tickets (\$5) in the Bookstore or online. Make plans to attend and bring a friend or two!

## Our Church Family

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Hospitalized: Hadden Smith, Bobbie Johnston, Sandra Shamblin, Bev Bentley, Avery Lyle, Bill Moulton, Leslie Wilson

We rejoice with Brad and Holly Nichols on the birth of their daughter, Mary Hollyn, on Oct. 21.

Our love and sympathy to Ken Turner and family on the death of his wife, member Diana Turner, on Oct. 21; to Ben Greene and family on the death of his brother, J.B. Greene, on Oct. 22; to Jessica, Andrew and Austin Robinson and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Carolyn Fuller, on Oct. 22; to Mabry Fisher on the death of her grandfather, Earl Dukes, on Oct. 23; to Tami and Izzi Wells and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Voncile Spivey, on Oct. 24; to the family of member Jack Bailey on his death on Oct. 25; to Debbie and Nathan Little and family on the death of their nephew and cousin, Kenny Murphy, on Oct. 25; to Judy Goff, Pat and Hunter on the death of their sister and aunt, Margery Wheeler, on Oct. 25; and to Carole Brindley and family on the death of her mother, Ruby Fargason, on Oct. 27.

# Announcements

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**Nehemiah Day Service**—Today from 3:00–7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Join us for a season of focusing on the Word, meditation, worship, reflection, and intercessory prayer—concluding with the observance of the Lord’s Supper. All 1st–6th grade children will meet in the Children’s Auditorium for Children’s Nehemiah Day and dinner. Make Nursery reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) or on the Briarwood App.

**Every Member Commitment (EMC)**—Next Sunday is EMC Pledge Sunday. Be in prayer for how the Lord is leading you to support His work with your gifts and service.

**The Session has called Congregational Meetings** for Sun., Dec. 5 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2024 and Sun., Dec. 12 for the purposes of receiving the 2022 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on Dec. 5. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:50 a.m. service. There will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. in the Worship Center on Dec. 5 to receive the 2022 budget.

**The Walk Through Nativity** is looking for you—actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene builders and more! We need volunteers to serve Dec. 8–10 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Sign up—call 205-776-5251; visit [briarwood.org/nativity](http://briarwood.org/nativity); or go to the Briarwood App. There’s a place for everyone.

**Trailblazers Breakfast**—Come hear the NavLife presentation (personal crisis management plan) on Tues., Nov. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in FH-C&D. Cost is \$3 for biscuit and coffee. Tickets online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Adoption Connection Group Meeting**—Wed., Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in G103. Adoptive families, anyone seeking adoption information, or anyone wanting to support adoptive families is invited. For more information email [w.carter.ralph@gmail.com](mailto:w.carter.ralph@gmail.com).

**Briarwood Ballet Immanuel** presents a concert of worship, *You Called My Name—through His stories, we hear His call*, on Fri., Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Admission is free.

**Trailblazers Operation Christmas Child Box Party**—Fri. Nov. 5 at 9:00 a.m. in FH. Local OCC representative will share shoebox stories. Bring items to help pack 100 boxes. Boxes and Chick-Fil-A biscuits will be provided. Contact [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) to sign up.

**Grandparenting Matters**—Learn how to have a spiritual impact on your grandchildren. Register with Dave Matthews at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org), or call Michael Wichlan at 205-776-5283.

**I Cared Enough**—Help Daniel Cason Ministries feed families in 25 of Birmingham’s poorest communities. Find out how to donate your time and money to help for this Thanksgiving event at [danielcason.org](http://danielcason.org) or by calling 205-365-1800.

**Opportunity to host a family!** Many international families in our Briarwood ESL program have never been to an American’s home for a meal, and we want to change this. Sign up today to host one of our international families for a Thanksgiving meal sometime this November by emailing Caroline at [cbrown@briarwood.org](mailto:cbrown@briarwood.org).

**Praise Team Band and Singers**—The Briarwood Worship and Music Ministry has openings for singers and band members. If you are a Briarwood member and would like to schedule an audition, contact John Haines at 205-612-5199 or [jhaines@briarwood.org](mailto:jhaines@briarwood.org).

**Come sing with the Sanctuary Choir this fall!** Help lead worship on Sundays as well as sing in the December Christmas Pageant. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the second floor behind the Worship Center. Go to [signupforchoir.com](http://signupforchoir.com) for more.

**New Job openings—**

**See all the current job opportunities** for Briarwood ministries and ministry partners at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment) to find details on open positions as well as how to apply.