

THE GATHERING

*Worshippers are invited to stand, if able. +Usher will seat you.
Please remember to turn off your cell phone while in the sanctuary.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Charles Bowdler
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, programs, and service life of Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Relax your body, quiet the inner dialogue of your mind, open yourself to the Spirit of God moving in our midst, and prepare to worship God joyfully with the body of Christ gathered here today.

VOLUNTARY *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* JOHN BEHNKE

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Bowdler
Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified. Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help. We confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior.

(Silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal 581

THE WORD

+YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

MUSIC *This Little Light of Mine* RONALD NELSON
Charlyne Jones, organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Revelation 4:1-11 Pew Bible p. 247

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON "The Throne in Heaven" Rev. Bowdler

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed
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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen

UPDATE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Someone's Singing, Lord* JOHN BEHNKE

PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS

Members Nora Brunson, Joy Clemmer, Vance Clemmer, Donnie Cole, Hope Conerly, Dean Gerber, **Jeanne Hulsman**, Vicki Jensen, Betty Keating, **Marcia Magee**, June Mosley, Paul & Crea Shelton, Betty Simmons, **Susan Sumrall**, Jerry and Martie Taylor, **Kathy Van Tassell**, **Myra Wheaton**

Family & Friends Jeremy Ansah, Lenny Barnhill (Diane Hall's brother-in-law), Terry Black (friend of Bob & Diane Hall), Cal Bowdler (Charles' nephew), Larry Coleman, **Kathy Miller Evans** (Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller's sister), Margaret Ann Forester, Jeanie Jenkins (Bill Dillon's daughter), Dennis Lightsey (Malcolm's brother), **Joe Martin**, Taaji Moore (Josie Moore's son), Grace & Amos O'Gwynn,

James Paul (Suzanne Stephens' brother), Norman Rowsey (Ella Edwards' son-in-law), Sarah Schobesberger (Lisa & Werner's daughter), Sandra Smith, William (Bill) Smith

Missions Lisa & Werner Schobesberger, Austria; Mission: Hope

Military Grace Foster, Matt Jasinski, Kevin Jameson, Jordan Saunders

Elders this week: Anne Dreher & Tracee Thompson

Elders next week: Dan Duggan & Joanne White

Flowers this week: Dawn Harber & Suzanne Stephens

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Videographer this week: Audie Dodson

Videographer next week: Kathy Van Tassell

USHERS THIS MONTH

Carol Alexander – David French – Debra Kinser –
Mara Kirby – Paula Shelton

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, August 15, *Schobesbergers visiting*

10:25 a.m. – Worship in person, or live on Facebook

11:45 a.m. – Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, August 16

1:30 p.m. – Congregational Care Committee, via GoToMeeting

TUESDAY, August 17

11:00 a.m. – Devotion, via GoToMeeting

WEDNESDAY, August 18

10:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, August 19

8:00 a.m. – Prayer for Jackson, Highland Village

11:00 a.m. – Devotion, via GoToMeeting

SUNDAY, August 22, *Presbyterian Foundation Sunday*

10:25 a.m. – Worship in person or live on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

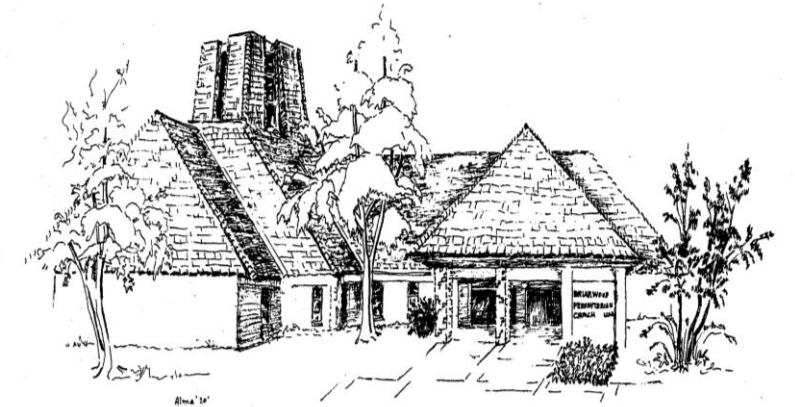
RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS: Following the worship service each week, Elders meet to receive new members in the church office located on the southwest side, behind the sanctuary. We welcome everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who desires to be an active part of our family of faith.

TODAY: We are thrilled to have our missionaries, Lisa and Werner Schobesberger, and family in town and worshipping with us! We look forward to hearing about the work they are doing in Austria.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION SUNDAY: Sunday, August 22nd, we will celebrate the Presbyterian Foundation and the very generous gift that Lee and Patricia Breeland have provided to the foundation and named Briarwood as the beneficiary. For now, the Fellowship Meal that was to follow worship has been postponed.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The 2021-2022 Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, is here and available for pick-up in the church office, along with a new PW Directory.

**Briarwood Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.
August 15, 2021
Liturgical Color: Green**

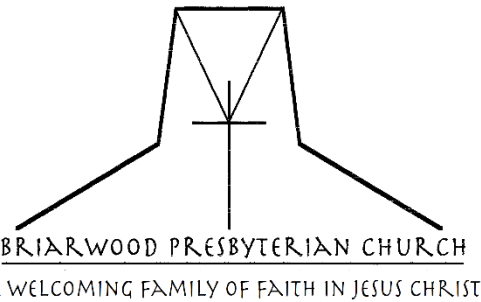


SESSION

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Dan Duggan	Susan Bostwick	Warren Dorsey
Corinne Fox	Joy Lightsey	Anne Dreher
David French	Tracee Thompson	Jim Jackson
Hugh Hogue	Joanne White	Doris Schneider

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Obeying **Christ's** Commands
Caring for People's Needs within the Church
and the **Community***