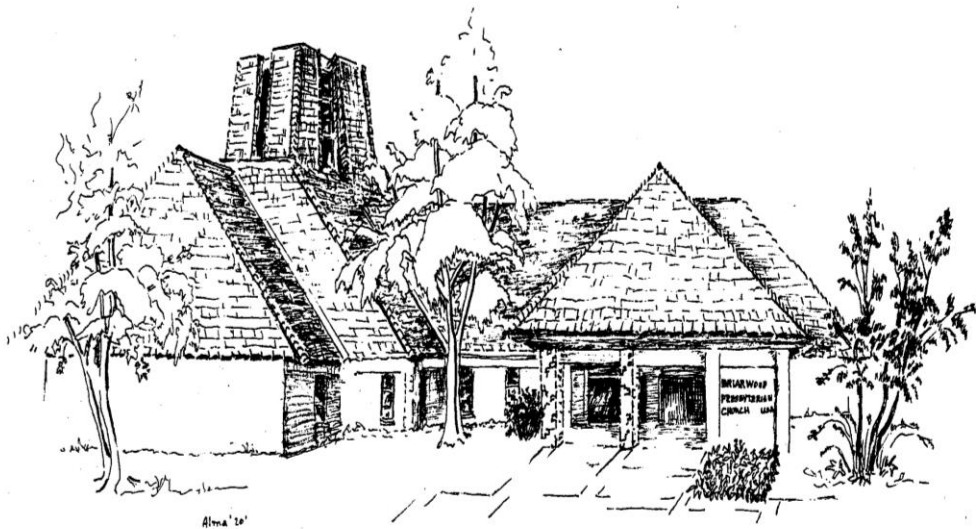


**Briarwood Presbyterian Church**  
**Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.**  
**August 22, 2021**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**



*Putting **God** first*  
*Keeping **Christ's** Commands*  
*Caring for People's Needs within the Church*  
*and the **Community***

## 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

*O Zion, Haste*

MARK SEDIO

### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and  
the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have  
faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 299     *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER

*1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.*

2 *Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
he still remains nigh; his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

3 *“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*

4 *Then let us adore and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Silence for Private Confession)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

### THE WORD

#### +CELEBRATION OF LOCAL MISSIONS

MUSIC

*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
*(with G. F. Handel's "Largo")*  
Barney McCann, piano

arr. BERRY

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17

### *The Seven Seals*

**6** Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, “Come!”<sup>[a]</sup> **2** I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

**3** When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, “Come!”<sup>[b]</sup> **4** And out came<sup>[c]</sup> another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another; and he was given a great sword.

**5** When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, “Come!”<sup>[d]</sup> I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, **6** and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a day’s pay,<sup>[e]</sup> and three quarts of barley for a day’s pay,<sup>[f]</sup> but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!”

**7** When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, “Come!”<sup>[g]</sup> **8** I looked and there was a pale green horse! Its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence, and by the wild animals of the earth.

### *The Multitude from Every Nation*

**9** After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and

languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be unto God**

SERMON “The Great Multitude and the Lamb”

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 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

*1 Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring  
to fulfil God's chosen end.*

*2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*4 So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving  
hope and confidence and peace.*

## 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**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 307      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      CWM RHONDDA

1 *God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

2 *Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*

3 *Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

4 *Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.*



\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

PAUL MANZ

## **PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS**

(Names in **bold** indicate new concerns)

**Members** Nora Brunson, Joy Clemmer, Vance Clemmer, Donnie Cole, Hope Conerly, Dean Gerber, Noel Guthrie, Hugh Hogue, 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, **Chris Foster**, Jeannie Jenkins (Bill Dillon's daughter), Dennis Lightsey (Malcolm's brother), **Joe Martin**, Taaji Moore (Josie Moore's son), Gracie & 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:** Dan Duggan & Joanne White  
**Elders next week:** Susan Bostwick & Corinne Fox  
**Flower Team this week:** Dawn Harber & Suzanne Stephens  
**Flower Team next week:** Sandy French, Jane Gerber, Joy Stowe  
**Videographer this week:** Kathy Van Tassell  
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### **USHERS THIS MONTH**

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

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, August 22, *Presbyterian Foundation Sunday***  
10:25 a.m. Worship in person or Live on Facebook

**MONDAY, August 23**  
1:30 p.m. Congregational Care Committee, via  
GoToMeeting

**TUESDAY, August 24**  
11:00 a.m. Devotion, via GoToMeeting

**WEDNESDAY, August 25**  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

**THURSDAY, August 26**  
7:30 a.m. Prayer for Jackson, Highland Village  
11:00 a.m. Devotion, via GoToMeeting

**SUNDAY, August 29, *2<sup>nd</sup>-A-Meal 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.

**PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION SUNDAY:** Today we 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!

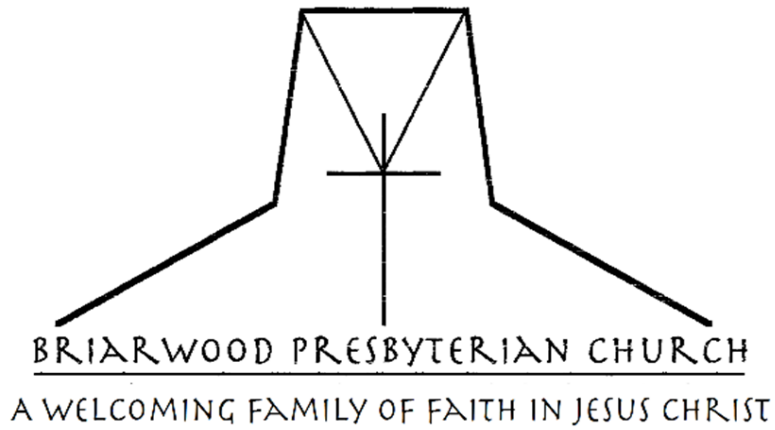
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The 2021-2022 Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, is here and available for pick-up in the church office, along with a new PW Directory.

### SESSION

<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>
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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