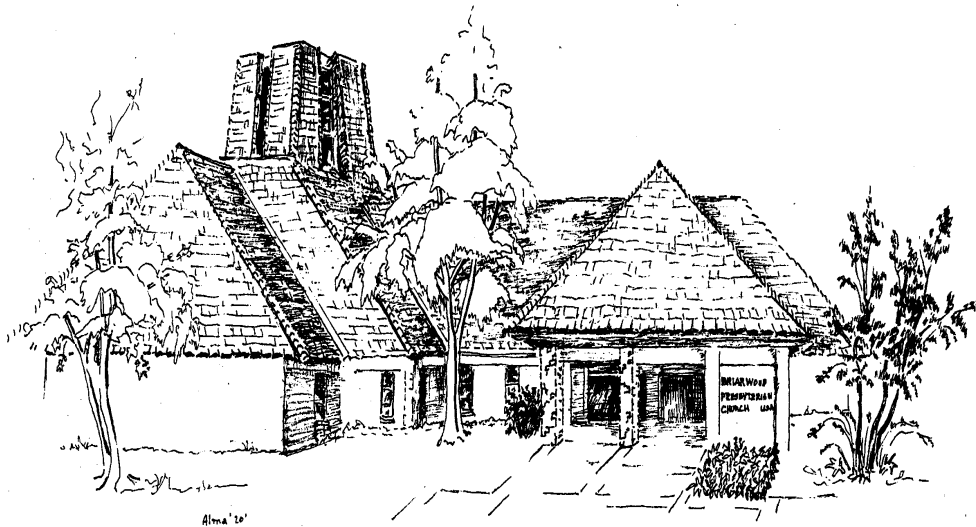


**Briarwood Presbyterian Church**  
**Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.**  
**August 29, 2021**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**



*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                      *Come, Thou Fount*                      arr. BERRY  
*(with Tchaikovsky's Piano Concert Op. 23)*

### OPENING PRAYER

**O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts  
the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us  
with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 65                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      CWM RHONDDA

*1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,*

*feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*

*2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge with shame the sins we have committed, by thought, word and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from this time forward we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Silence for Private Confession)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

## THE WORD

+YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

MUSIC

*Moment By Moment*  
*(with Saint-Saens' Le Cygne)*  
Barney McCann, piano

arr. BERRY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 13:1-18

### *The First Beast*

**13** <sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its mortal wound had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup> The beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.

<sup>9</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen:

<sup>10</sup> If you are to be taken captive,  
into captivity you go;  
if you kill with the sword,  
with the sword you must be killed.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

### *The Second Beast*

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all; <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived; <sup>15</sup> and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be unto God**

SERMON    “The Beast of the Sea and the Earth”    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 703     *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*     ST. CATHERINE

*1 Jesus, thy boundless love to me  
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee,  
and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;  
myself to thee entirely give.*

*2 O grant that nothing in my soul  
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
may every act, word, thought be love.*

*3 O Love, how gracious is thy way!  
All fear before thy presence flies;  
care, anguish, sorrow melt away  
where'er thy healing beams arise.*

*O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.*

## 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 702

*Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

*1 Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.*

*2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.*

*3 Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;  
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

### **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:** Warren Dorsey & Corinne Fox

**Elders next week:** David French & Joy Lightsey

**Flower Team this week:** Sandy French, Jane Gerber, Joy Stowe

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**Videographer this week:** Kathy Van Tassell

**Videographer next week:** Mark Bailey

### **USHERS THIS MONTH**

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

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, August 29, 2<sup>d</sup> A-Meal Sunday**

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

**MONDAY, August 30**

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

**TUESDAY, August 31**

11:00 a.m. Devotion, via GoToMeeting

**WEDNESDAY, September 1**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

**THURSDAY, September 2**

7:30 a.m. Prayer for Jackson, Highland Village

11:00 a.m. Devotion, via GoToMeeting

**FRIDAY, September 3**

7:30 a.m. First Friday Free Coffee

**SUNDAY, September 5, Communion**

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

12:50 p.m. PWCT, via GoToMeeting

## **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 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

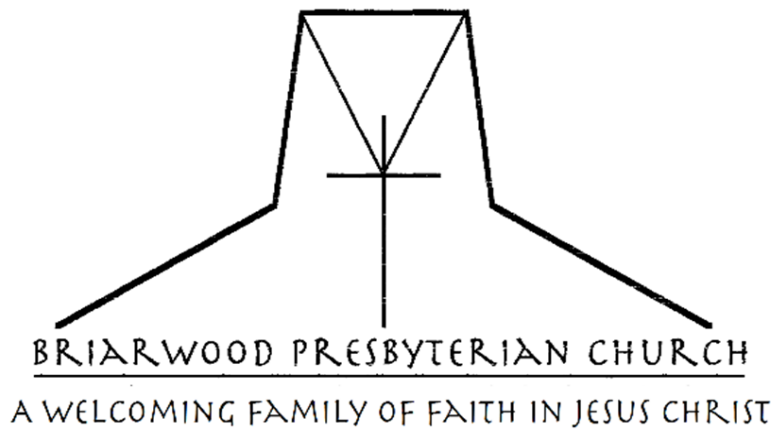
<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>
Dan Duggan	Susan Bostwick	Warren Dorsey
Corinne Fox	Joy Lightsey	Anne Dreher
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## MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI & THE SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

The Reverend Charles Bowdler	Chairman, Commission on Ministry
The Reverend William Smith	Honorably Retired
The Reverend Richard Swayze	Honorably Retired
The Reverend Heather Williamsen	Validated Ministry with the Boy Scouts of America as a Cub Scout Chaplain and Troop Leader Member, Presbytery of Mississippi Permanent Judiciary Commission (PJC)
Elder Dan Duggan	Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Mississippi
Elder Bill Cook	Advisor to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Mississippi for Trustees
Elder Myra Cook	Member, Presbytery of Mississippi Commission on Ministry
Elder Suzan Dorsey	Member, Presbytery of Mississippi Mission Committee
Elder Susan Sumrall	Commissioned as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Mississippi and Moderator of the Synod of Living Waters
Elder Susan Bostwick	Presbyterian Women, Presbytery of Mississippi Cluster B Leader
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