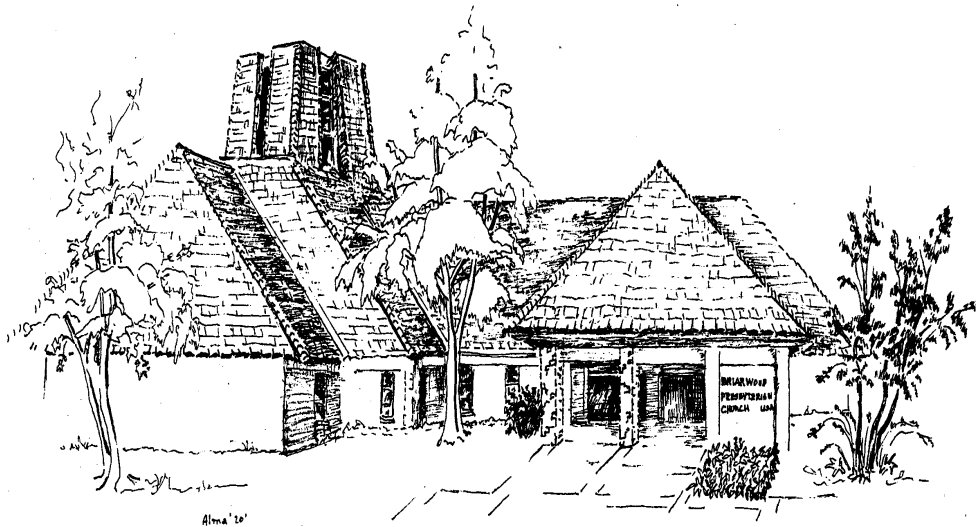


Briarwood Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.
September 12, 2021
Liturgical Color: Green



*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 Bill, Temperance, and Jeff

OPENING PRAYER

**Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works
begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy
name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,

*and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves: we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silence for Private Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

+YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

MUSIC Bill, Temperance, and Jeff

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the

darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was

good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it,

because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be unto God

SERMON

“Creation by the Word”

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 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*3 Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*4 Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

2 *All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.*

3 *Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Bill, Temperance, and Jeff

PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS

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

Members Nora Brunson, Joy Clemmer, Vance Clemmer, Donnie Cole, Hope Conerly, Lisa Davis, 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, Jeannie Jenkins (Bill Dillon's daughter), Dennis Lightsey (Malcolm's brother), **Joe Martin, Bob & Teri Minert** (Susan Cox's brother and sister-in-law), 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: Susan Bostwick & Jim Jackson

Elders next week: Hugh Hogue & Doris Schneider

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

Flower Team next week: Tommie Cole

Videographer this week: Dan Duggan

Videographer next week: Audie Dodson

USHERS THIS MONTH

Mark Bailey – Anne Dreher – Lea Ann McElroy – Linda Simmons

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 12, *Rally Day*

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

11:45 a.m. Naomi Circle, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, September 13

9:30 a.m. Explorers Bible Study

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

5:30 p.m. Explorers Bible Study

TUESDAY, September 14

10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 15

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, September 16

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

11:00 a.m. Devotion, via GoToMeeting

SATURDAY, September 18

Billy Brumfield Meal (Doris Schneider)

SUNDAY, September 19

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.

RALLY DAY: Today is Rally Day, when we celebrate a return to Sunday School (for those who are ready to gather) and a return of our Fellowship Time with biscuits and coffee. We also welcome Bill Ellison, Temperance Babcock, and Jeff Perkins as our guest musicians.

SESSION

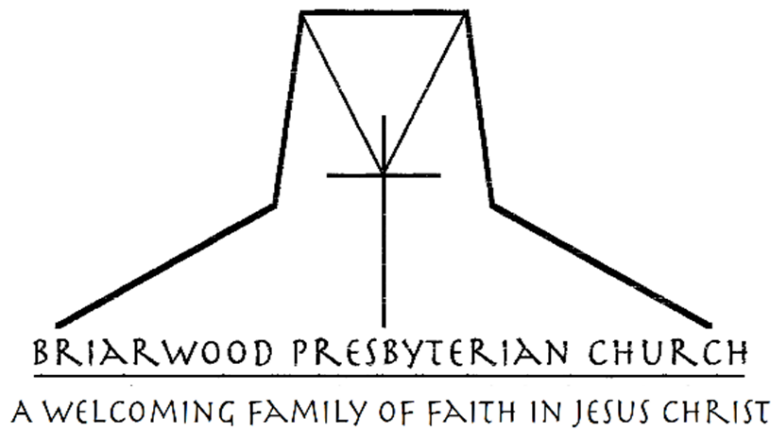
| Class of 2022 | Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 |
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| Corinne Fox | Joanne Girod | Anne Dreher |
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| The Reverend Richard Swayze | Honorably Retired |
| The Reverend Heather Williamsen | Validated Ministry with the Boy Scouts of America as a Cub Scout Chaplain and Troop Leader Member, Presbytery of Mississippi Permanent Judiciary Commission (PJC) |
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