

## 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 Elder Mark Bailey  
*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 *All Nature Sings* ALFRED FEDAK

## CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Steve Fortenberry  
This is the day that you have made, Lord.  
**Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!**  
Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:  
**to come to you in these moments,  
to confess our sins,  
to receive forgiveness and give it,  
to pray and sing and listen,  
to renew our fainting spirits,  
to rest in all your promises.**  
Open our eyes to see you, Lord.  
**Open our ears to hear your Word.**  
Visit us through your Holy Spirit,  
**and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.**

\*HYMN 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,**  
*(Silence for personal confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal 581

## THE WORD

ANTHEM *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* G. MARTIN

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 22:1-14 Pew Bible p. 17

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Radical Trust" Rev. Fortenberry

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1  
Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?  
**A: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

\*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Mark Bailey  
**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 Hymnal 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Fortenberry

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *The God of Abraham Praise* DAVID CHERWIEN

## PRAYER & CARE 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, Jeanie 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), 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:** Hugh Hogue & Doris Schneider  
**Elders next week:** Anne Dreher & Tracee Thompson  
**Flowers this week:** Tommie Cole  
**Flowers next week:** Nancy Bailey  
**Videographer this week:** Audie Dodson  
**Videographer next week:** Kathy Van Tassell

## USHERS THIS MONTH

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, September 19**  
9:00 a.m. – Choir Practice, Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time  
10:25 a.m. – Worship in person, or live on Facebook  
**MONDAY, September 20**  
9:30 a.m. – Explorers Bible Study, Adult Library  
11:00 a.m. – Congregational Care Committee, Adult Library (hybrid meeting)  
5:30 p.m. – Explorers Bible Study, Adult Library  
**TUESDAY, September 21**  
10:00 a.m. – Mary Martha Day, Fellowship Hall  
**WEDNESDAY, September 22**  
10:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting  
**THURSDAY, September 23**  
7:30 a.m. – Prayer for Jackson, Highland Village  
**SUNDAY, September 26, 2~~4~~-A-Meal Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. – Choir Practice, Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time  
10:25 a.m. – Worship in person or live on Facebook

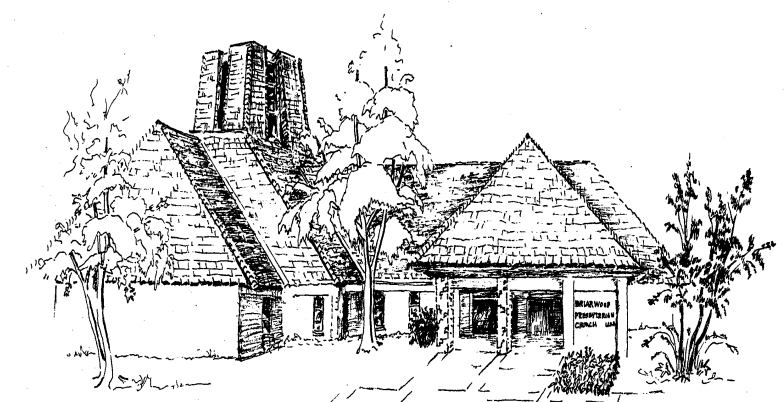
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT:** Rev. Steve Fortenberry has been an ordained Presbyterian minister for over 25 years, having served as youth minister, church planter, and pastor. He was born in Memphis, TN and went to Taylor University in Indiana, where he played basketball and majored in Bible Literature. Steve received his Masters of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He has two adult children, with his 23-year-old special needs son, James, living with him in

Greenwood, MS. His daughter, Sarah, lives with her husband, Joe, in Cincinnati, OH. Steve enjoys biking, fishing, and working with his hands.

**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.

**Briarwood Presbyterian Church  
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.  
September 19, 2021  
Liturgical Color: Green**

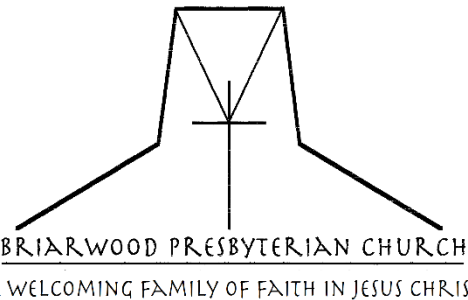


**SESSION**

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

**STAFF**

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