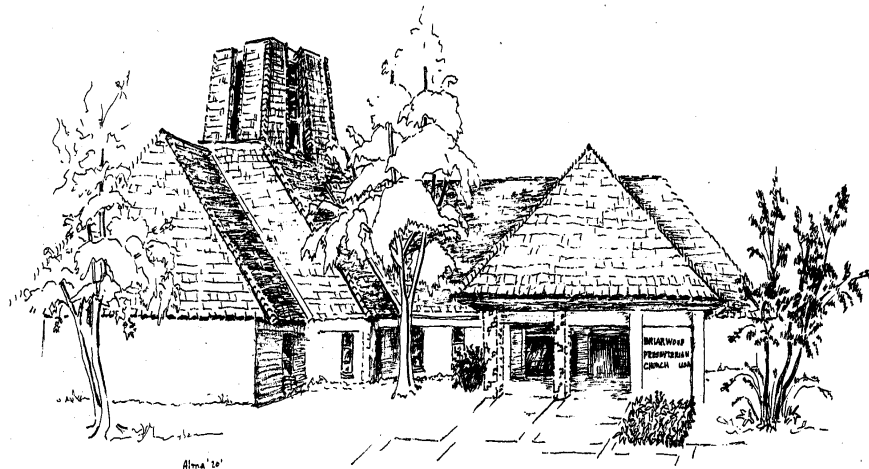


**Briarwood Presbyterian Church**  
**Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.**  
**October 17, 2021**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**



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



*o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.*

*2 Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord,  
our prayer attend.*

*Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.*

*3 Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.*

*Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.*

*4 To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore!*

*Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.

**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

**Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**Have mercy and renew us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your word, enable us to follow you with joy.

**All this we ask, confident of your faithfulness and love.**

(Silence for Private Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

**THE WORD**

+YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

ANTHEM

*I See, I Hear, I Know*

arr COURTNEY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-21

*Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity*

**3** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he

could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be unto God**

SERMON

“God Calls Samuel”

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 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

*1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.*

2 O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle;  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

#### 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**

MINUTE FOR MISSION – PW THANK OFFERING

Elder Joanne White

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

1 *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

2 *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

3 *Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

4 *High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*



\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*To God All Glory Given*

RACHEL SAWYER

## **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, Pat Ray, Marian Sessums**, 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**, 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, Dick Swayze**

**Missions** Lisa & Werner Schobesberger, Austria; Mission Hope

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

**Elders this week:** David French & Jim Jackson

**Elders next week:** Warren Dorsey & Jim Jackson

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

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**Videographer this week:** Audie Dodson

**Videographer next week:** Kathy Van Tassell

### **USHERS THIS MONTH**

Nell Bradford – Polly Duggan – Nicholas Foster – Linda Walker

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

#### **SUNDAY, October 17**

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, October 18**

11:00 a.m. Congregational Care Committee, Adult Library (hybrid meeting)

#### **TUESDAY, October 19**

10:00 a.m. Mary Martha Day, Fellowship Hall

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 20**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

#### **THURSDAY, October 21**

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

11:00 a.m. Devotion, via GoToMeeting

#### **SUNDAY, October 24, *PW Thank Offering***

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

**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.

**MARY MARTHA DAY:** Presbyterian Women will have Mary Martha Day this Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Activities will include cooking for Billy Brumfield and cleaning the Sanctuary. Please come join us for the fellowship, activity, devotion, and lunch!

**WNF IS BACK:** Wednesday Night Fellowship returned last week! If you missed it, it's not too late to join us! Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., and the devotion will start at 6:15 p.m. This will be a six week study of Ephesians 2:1-10. Meals will be catered at a cost of \$6 per person. If you plan to attend, please place the reservation form insert in the offering plate, or contact the church office so we have an accurate count for dinner. If driving at night is an issue, you can join the devotion via GoToMeeting.

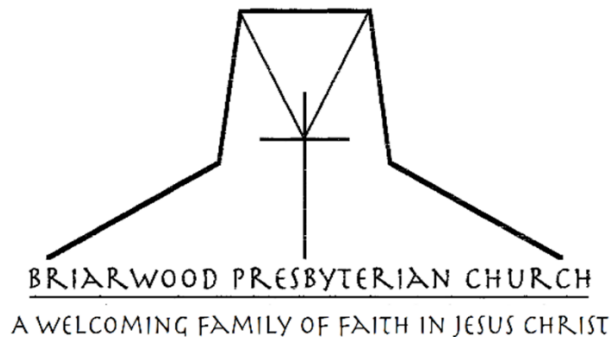
**TRUNK OR TREAT:** The Mission Committee is currently looking for volunteers to help with the Trunk-or-Treat event coming up October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to be a part of this event, please contact Joanne White. Donations of or for Halloween candy are also being accepted. Boxes are located in the hallway behind the choir loft and in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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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