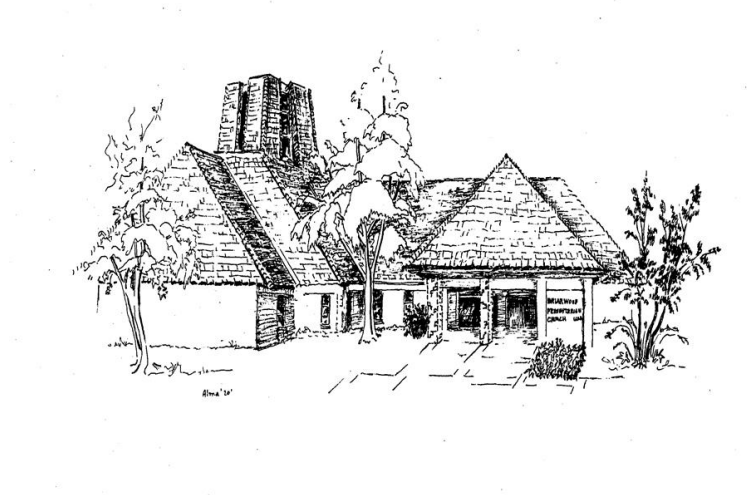


**Briarwood Presbyterian Church  
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.  
November 7, 2021  
Liturgical Color: Green**



*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     *Variation on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*  
FRANKLIN RITTER

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

#### OPENING PRAYER

**O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might  
destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs  
of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify  
ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power  
and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and  
glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 624     *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*     TOULON

*1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,*

*who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in every place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.  
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

(Silence for Private Confession)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

## THE WORD

+YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

MUSIC      *Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name*      arr DENNARD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-18

*Elijah Flees from Jezebel*

**19** Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

### *Elijah Meets God at Horeb*

<sup>11</sup> He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be unto God**

SERMON

“God Speaks to Elijah”

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 824**

*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

MC AFEE

*1 There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.*

Refrain:

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.*

*2 There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]*

*3 There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

**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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 22

*God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

1. *God of the sparrow*

*God of the whale*

*God of the swirling stars*

*How does the creature say Awe*

*How does the creature say Praise*

2. *God of the earthquake*

*God of the storm*

*God of the trumpet blast*

*How does the creature cry Woe*

*How does the creature cry Save*

3. *God of the rainbow*

*God of the cross*

*God of the empty grave*

*How does the creature say Grace*

*How does the creature say Thanks*

4. *God of the hungry*

*God of the sick*

*God of the prodigal*

*How does the creature say Care*

*How does the creature say Life*

5. *God of the neighbor*

*God of the foe*

*God of the pruning hook*

*How does the creature say Love*

*How does the creature say Peace*

6. *God of the ages*



*God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord* arr ROBERT POWELL

### **PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS**

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

**Members** **Lee and Patricia Breeland**, Nora Brunson, Joy Clemmer, Vance Clemmer, **Donnie Cole**, Hope Conerly, Lisa Davis, **George Forkin**, Dean Gerber, Noel Guthrie, Hugh Hogue, Jeanne Hulsman, Vicki Jensen, Mary Kirby, **Marcia Magee**, **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, **Loretta Coleman** (Larry & Louis' sister), **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), 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:** Anne Dreher & Tracee Thompson

**Elders next week:** Dan Duggan & Joanne White

**Flower Team this week:** Tommie Cole

**Flower Team next week:** Nancy Bailey

**Videographer this week:** Dan Duggan

**Videographer next week:** Mark Bailey

### **USHERS THIS MONTH**

Susan Bostwick – Myra Cook – Suzan Dorsey –  
Warren Dorsey – Hugh Hogue

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, November 7,** *Communion & Stewardship Emphasis*  
*begins*

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

11:45 a.m. Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, November 8**

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, Heritage Room

**TUESDAY, November 9**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 10**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## **THURSDAY, November 11**

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

11:00 a.m. Devotion, via GoToMeeting

1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle, Joanne White's house

## **SUNDAY, November 14**

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

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

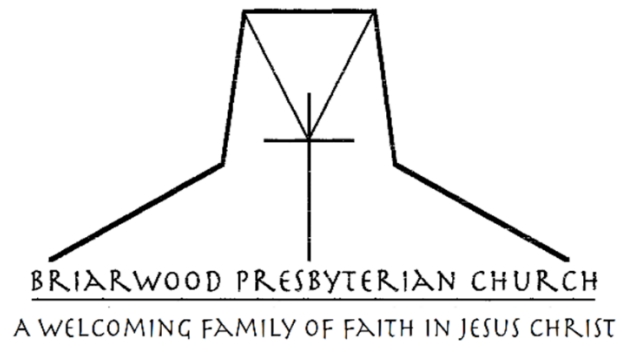
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session will meet today, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

**STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS:** Today we begin our annual stewardship emphasis. Our stewardship theme is drawn from Nehemiah 2:17-18. *"Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.' Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So, they committed themselves to the common good."* Sunday, November 21 is Dedication Sunday which will include a Stewardship Luncheon following worship. **If you plan to attend that Luncheon, please complete the enclosed slip as your reservation, and place it in one of the offering plates.**

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT THANK YOU:** I want to say a huge thank you to Joanne White and the Mission Committee and to Corinne Fox and the Commitment Committee, as well as all of our members who came to volunteer at our Neighborhood Trunk-or-Treat Event last Sunday afternoon. The weather was beautiful as we enjoyed wonderful fellowship serving our neighbors, and a very happy time was had by all. A special thanks also to Det. John Cooley of the Madison PD who cooked for us, and to the Society of St. Andrew who gave away sweet potatoes. All glory be to God and may God bless the work of our hands.



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