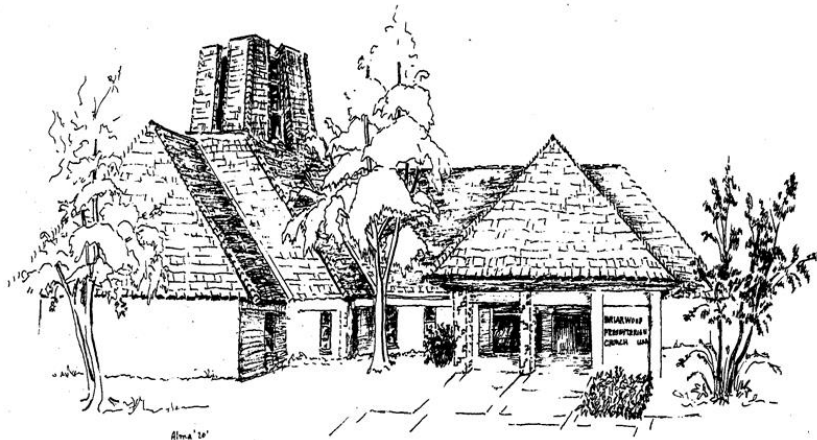


**Briarwood Presbyterian Church  
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.  
February 20, 2022  
Liturgical Color: Green**



*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

*Joy and Praise*

JAMES MANSFIELD

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, in signs and wonders your Son revealed the  
greatness of your saving love. Renew your people with your  
grace, and sustain us by your power, for we can do nothing  
without you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

*2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way, and forgotten your good way. We are sorry for our sins and desire to turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Silence for Private Confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

## THE WORD

ANTHEM

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

arr SHAW

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON:

Psalm 147:1-11

*Praise for God's Care for Jerusalem*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted,

and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre.

<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds,

prepares rain for the earth,

makes grass grow on the hills.

<sup>9</sup> He gives to the animals their food,

and to the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 7:37-52

*Rivers of Living Water*

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to

me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

### *Division among the People*

<sup>40</sup> When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, “This is really the prophet.” <sup>41</sup> Others said, “This is the Messiah.” But some asked, “Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?” <sup>42</sup> Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?” <sup>43</sup> So there was a division in the crowd because of him. <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

### *The Unbelief of Those in Authority*

<sup>45</sup> Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him?” <sup>46</sup> The police answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees replied, “Surely you have not been deceived too, have you?” <sup>48</sup> Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.” <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, <sup>51</sup> “Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” <sup>52</sup> They replied, “Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Living Water”

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 821      *My Life Flows On*      HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*1 My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.*

*I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.*

Refrain:

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.*

*Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

*2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.*

*It finds an echo in my soul.*

*How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]*

*3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.*

*What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]*

*4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]*

#### 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

*Laudation*

GILBERT MARTIN

## **PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS**

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

**Members:** Nora Brunson, Joy Clemmer, Vance Clemmer, Donnie Cole, Hope Conerly, Lisa Davis, **George Forkin**, Noel Guthrie, Hugh Hogue, Jeanne Hulsman, Vicki Jensen, **Sarah Lenoir**, Marcia Magee, Pat Ray, Marian Sessums, Paul & Crea Shelton, Betty Simmons, **Susan Sumrall**, Kathy Van Tassell, **Linda Walker**, Myra Wheaton, **Pat Worley**

**Family & Friends:** Terry Black (friend of Bob & Diane Hall), Kathy Miller Evans (Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller's sister), Margaret Ann Forester, Jeannie Jenkins (Bill Dillon's daughter), **Margaret Kosick's family**, Greg Koziel, **Ben & Whitney Lightsey** (Malcolm & Joy's grandson), Dennis Lightsey (Malcolm's brother), Joe Martin, Taaji Moore (Josie Moore's son), **Sharon Nettles' family**, Grace & Amos O'Gwynn, Darla Ray, Phillip Russell (friend of Barney McCann), Sara Schobesberger (Lisa & Werner's daughter), Richie Yerby (friend of Mark & Nancy Bailey)



**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:** Joy Lightsey & Doris Schneider

**Flower Team this week:** Nancy Bailey & West Sweatt

**Flower Team next week:** Dawn Pearson & Suzanne Stephens

**Videographer this week:** Audie Dodson

**Videographer next week:** Kathy Van Tassell

### **USHERS THIS MONTH**

Nell Bradford – Polly Duggan – Nicholas Foster – Linda Walker

### **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.

**YOU “CAN” FEED MY SHEEP:** Next Sunday we will collect the “Feed My Sheep” offering (formerly known as 2¢-A-Meal). If you would like a collection can but have not yet received one, please check the Mission table in the back hallway (behind the Choir Loft).

**TODAY’S FLOWERS:** The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Steve Worley by his family.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, February 20, *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany***

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, February 21**

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

5:30 p.m. – Explorers Bible Study, Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, February 23**

10:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. – The Chosen, Heritage Room (hybrid)

5:30 p.m. – The Chosen, Heritage Room (hybrid)

### **THURSDAY, February 24**

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

11:00 a.m. – Devotion, via GoToMeeting

### **SUNDAY, February 27, *Feed My Sheep 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

11:45 a.m. – Session Meeting, Heritage Room

## SESSION

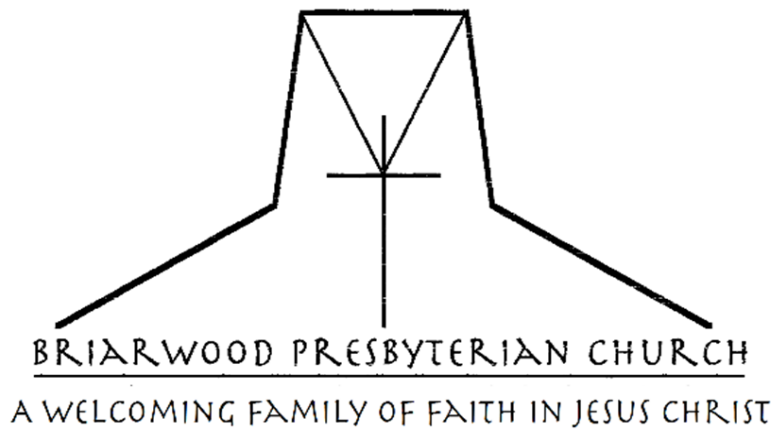
<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>
Dan Duggan	Susan Bostwick	Warren Dorsey
Corinne Fox	Joy Lightsey	Anne Dreher
David French	Tracee Thompson	Jim Jackson
Hugh Hogue	Joanne White	Doris Schneider

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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 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	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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