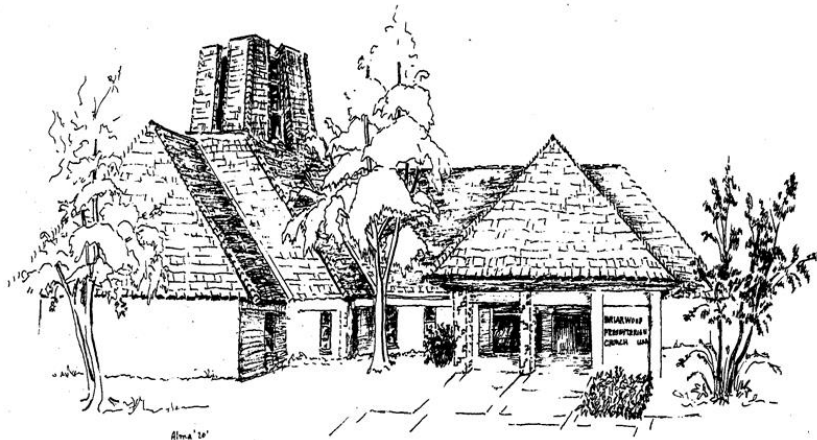


**Briarwood Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.
February 27, 2022
Liturgical Color: Green**



*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 *At the Name of Jesus* ROBERT POWELL

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of light, as you were transfigured on the mountain, your
followers were given a glimpse of your glory. Shine your light in
our lives so that we will know how truly marvelous you are and
will be able to reflect your glory. Amen**

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

*1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:*

*thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are merciful and kind, but we have gone our own way, not loving you as we ought, nor loving our neighbors as ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. We deserve your condemnation, but we need your mercy. Father, forgive us. Help us to love you and our neighbor, and to live for your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for Private Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Yours Is the Kingdom

CINDY BERRY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON:

Psalm 27:1-4

Triumphant Song of Confidence

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 9:1-41

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

9 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the

ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the

Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Man Born Blind”

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 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."*

*2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;*

*faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?*

*3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.*

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 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

1 *At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.*

2 *Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;*

3 *Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.*

4 *Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

CAMPRA/BIGGS

PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS

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

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

Elders this week: Joy Lightsey & Doris Schneider

Elders next week: Warren Dorsey & Hugh Hogue

Flower Team this week: Dawn Pearson & Suzanne Stephens

Flower Team next week: Linda Elmore & Marcia Magee (Mar 2)

Videographer this week: Dan Duggan

Videographer next week: Mark Bailey

USHERS THIS MONTH

Nell Bradford – Polly Duggan – Nicholas Foster – Linda Walker

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, February 28

9:30 a.m. – Jackson Quilters, Fellowship Hall

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

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

WEDNESDAY, March 2

10:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

1:15 p.m. – The Chosen, Heritage Room (hybrid)

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

THURSDAY, March 3

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

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

FRIDAY, March 4

7:30 a.m. – First Friday Free Coffee

SUNDAY, March 6, *First Sunday in Lent, Communion*

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. – PWCT Meeting, Heritage Room

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.

FAMILY DIRECTORY: Copies of the Winter 2022 Family Directory are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.

YOU “CAN” FEED MY SHEEP: Today we are collecting the “Feed My Sheep” offering (formerly known as 2¢-A-Meal). Please place your offering in the pots near the offering plates. 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).

ASH WEDNESDAY: Join us Wednesday at noon for an Ash Wednesday service, in conjunction with Rev. Jason Harms and our neighbors at Briarwood United Methodist Church.

SESSION

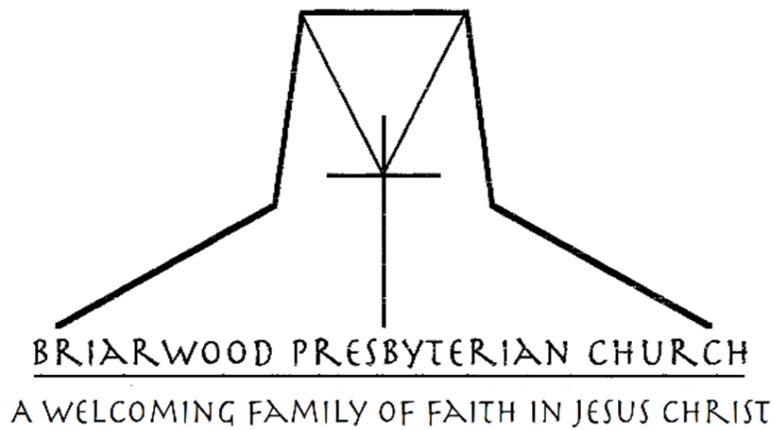
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