



FOR GOD'S GLORY,
WE ARE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING CHRISTIANS TO
WORSHIP GOD AND TO REACH BIRMINGHAM TO
REACH THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.



BRIARWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Local & National Ministries Conference – October 18, 2026

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Rev. Rob Looper, National / Revitalization Pastor

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

Welcome & Time of Meditation & Confession

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as "living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship." Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Prelude

"Be Still and Know"

Briarwood Choir & Orchestra

Call to Worship

Psalms 46:10–11, selected

Pastor: *"Be still, and know that I am God."*

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prayer of Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" The Sing! Hymnal 29

Confession of Truth*

Isaiah 8:12–13

Pastor: *Do not fear what this people fears, nor be in dread.*

All: But the LORD of hosts, Him you shall honor as holy. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

National Ministries Partners

Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE
O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY
Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation & Consecration of God’s Tithe & Our Offerings

Offertory *“Christus Victor”*
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD
Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*† 1 Peter 3:15–16

Exposition of God’s Word Dr. Alistair Begg

“Jesus Changes Lives – Part 1”
Luke 5:12–26

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE
And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *“The Doxology with Alleluias”*

Postlude

*The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

†K4–3rd grade dismiss to the Children’s Auditorium for Children’s Worship.

Following the 8:00 service, Children’s Worship participants will be escorted to their Sunday School rooms.

Following the 11:00 service, please pick up K4–3rd grade children in the Children’s Auditorium.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform.

The 8:00 a.m. service is “signed” each week in the Worship Center.

Morning services are available live on WLJR 88.5 FM. and online at briarwood.org/livestream.

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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

Local & National Ministries Conference – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Welcome

Rev. Rob Looper, National / Revitalization Pastor

Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Hymn 97

Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Alistair Begg

“Jesus Changes Lives – Part 2”

Luke 5:27–31

National Ministry Glimpses

Chapel:	Chad Cavanaugh	Lifeline Children’s Services
FH-A:	John Long	Missionary Athletes International
FH-E:	Hank Marshman	Cru International
FH-F:	Greg Salazar	Church Plant, Charlotte, NC
G-101A:	Latasha Allston	RUF, Howard University
G-101B:	Ben Griffith	RUF, Samford University
G-103:	Tracy Hipps	Christian Service Mission
W-202:	Paul Reynoso	Navigators
WC:	Stephen King	Church Plant, Tampa, FL

Dessert & Displays (7:20)

WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

We’re delighted you are worshiping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have, and minister to you in any way. After the service, please stop by the foyer so that we may offer you a small gift to acknowledge your presence with us. We pray that this morning’s worship will be all about Him and not about us and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

– Dr. Scott Redd & the Briarwood Church Family

FEATURED EVENTS

EMC Convocation Service | October 25 *

On Every Member Commitment Convocation Sunday, members are encouraged to attend the Convocation Service in the Worship Center at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour where you will hear stories from our ministries and be encouraged as the Lord multiplies your giving to reach the lost. Learn more at briarwood.org/emc.

EMC Pledge Sunday | November 1 *

On Every Member Commitment Pledge Sunday, members will turn in their pledge cards during the morning services or make pledges online at briarwood.org/giving. Members who have not made a commitment or otherwise contacted the church will be contacted by church officers on the following Sunday, November 8.

* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Continue praying for the Local and National Ministries Conference. Pray for the missionaries participating and our speaker, Alistair Begg. Pray for continued wisdom, guidance, and health as he preaches God's word. The flag of Birmingham will be featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Isaiah Bastian, Sandy Bell, Canaan Bradley, Janice Bricker, Bruce Bush, Betty Hull, Tommy Lyles, Bill Moulton, Jeanette Ellis, Lynda Lamb.

Our love and sympathy to Vicki, Caleb and Canaan Bradley and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Rodney Masear, on October 10.

We rejoice with Felipe Lino and Ana Pedrosa on the birth of their son, Nathan, on September 28.

Welcome these new Briarwood members: Thomas & Hannah Rose Atkins, Janet Avileli, Jeff & Stacey Bazemore, Brooks Bazemore, Ana Lucia Carlo, Samuel Clayman, Jordan Cox, Kathy Crawford, Lane Creech, Danner & Abigail Drake, Emmy Farrell, Matt & Catherine Harris, Buckie & Melissa Horton, Jack Horton, Sadie Horton, Jackson & Grace Howes, Amberly Kaye, Jake & Carmen MacKay, Winn & Brooklyn Matthews, Maddie Mills, Michael Moran, John & Cindy Patterson, Julia Phillips, Linda Pringle, Molly Saunders, Andrew & Melissa Seibert, Caroline Shaw, Nathan & Nicole Smith, Ryan & Kristen Smith, Corban Tew, Keiko Tyler, Sena Weaver, Caleb Woods.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Briarwood member Bob Turnbull from his funeral on October 14.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.
In your Briarwood App settings, enable "Weekly Prayer Guide" notifications.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nancy Guthrie: Beholding Christ in All of Scripture — October 21 at 7:00 p.m. Join Pastor Redd and Nancy Guthrie for a conversation about beholding Christ throughout the whole Bible. All small groups and Wednesday classes are invited to attend.

Trailblazers Coffee Talk with Author Denise George — October 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the Caroline House. Come hear author Denise George speak on “Hope and Healing for Mothers of Estranged Adult Children”. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Become a Briarwood Member — November 4, 7 & 8. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers’ Class. Attending does not obligate you to join. For questions or to sign up, call 776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers OCC Packing Party — November 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with the Briarwood Trailblazers. Please bring items to share! Email sjohnston@briarwood.org to bring items early.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Ending November 11. Join us for dinner, classes and activities each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find info at briarwood.org/midweek.

Children’s Passport Night — November 13 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Register your child online at no cost at briarwood.org/children.

Countdown to Christmas — November 18. Enjoy delicious food and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season! Hear the gospel and a story of God’s faithfulness through the Briarwood Ballet. Learn more at briarwood.org/women.

International Christmas Party — December 4 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your family and international friends! For additional information, email hwalker@briarwood.org or signup online at briarwood.org/events.

Trailblazers Christmas Lunch with Gary Palmer — December 6 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join the Briarwood Trailblazers for a Christmas Lunch with U.S. Representative, Gary Palmer. Sign up online for \$15 at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Prayer for Elected Officials — 1 Timothy 2:1–2 calls on us to pray for all people including our governing authorities. Let’s be in prayer for our current officials as well as the upcoming midterm elections. We encourage you to vote on November 3. If you need to register to vote, you can do so online at sos.alabama.gov by October 19.

Job Opening: Pastor of Discipleship & Evangelism — This position will develop a vibrant, multi-layer approach to equipping believers, developing leaders, and shaping a culture of disciple-making and evangelism in our church. Email Lreese@briarwood.org.

Job Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment

Stay up-to-date with events and opportunities with the Briarwood B-Mail newsletter.