



**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

Morning Services of Divine Worship – August 4, 2024

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Pastor

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 45:6–7

All: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*“The Lord’s Prayer”*

Denise Wichlan & Daniel Cason, soloists

*O Great I am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. adapted from The Valley of Vision*

*(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Summer Choir)*

## Choral Introit

*“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”* Hymn 228

Ten-Minute Summer Choir

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* Hymn 234

## The Confession of Truth\*

Hebrews 1:2–3

Leader: *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,*

All: But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the Word of His power.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

**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 Tithes & Our Offerings**

**The Offertory**

*"Matchless Name of Jesus"*  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\***

*"How Great (Psalm 145)"*  
*"Be Unto Your Name"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**The Old Testament Reading\*†**

Psalm 69:1–21

**Exposition of God's Word**

Dr. Dan Doriani

*"Wounded, Healed"*  
Psalm 69:1–21

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24*

**Congregational Affirmation\***

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Postlude**

*"Rise Up, O Church of God"*

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\*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 10:55 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 also "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM.

The 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. services are available online at [briarwood.org/livestream](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation – 6:00 p.m.

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**Prelude**

**Introit**

“Amazing Grace” Hymn 202  
Briarwood Deaf Ministry  
Cherybe Thornton, Director

**Welcome**

Michael Wichlan

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 19:9, 14

Leader: *The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.*

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\***

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”  
“Nothing But the Blood”  
“Power in the Blood”  
“Victory in Jesus”  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
“When the Roll Is Called up Yonder”  
“I’ll Fly Away”

**Scripture & Sermon**

Dr. Dan Doriani

“The Challenge of Our Age”  
Matthew 16:13–18

**Doxology\***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Bruce & Sonya Stallings Reception** — August 11 after the evening Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to honor Bruce and Sonya Stallings for their many years of service at Briarwood.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — August 14, 17 and 18. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**Canned Food Drive** — Sunday, August 18. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Grace Klein. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

**Trailblazers Ice Cream Social** — August 19 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. at Club 55 Clubhouse (8145 Annika Drive). Come enjoy a time of fellowship and the sounds of Jay and The Elders Quartet. Sign up at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**Foster Parent Interest Lunch** — Sunday, August 18 in Fellowship Hall following the second service. Join others interested in learning about fostering a child in need. Cost is free but we need you to register for meal planning. Register at [briarwood.org/fostering](http://briarwood.org/fostering).

**YBL Summer Study** — Mondays from 7:00–8:15 p.m. at the home of Mark Edwards, 2022 Country Ridge Place. Join us for a six-week YBL Summer Study titled Christian Manhood: Character Studies from 1 Samuel. Register at [bit.ly/YBLChristianManhood](http://bit.ly/YBLChristianManhood).

**Men's Summer Study** — Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be over-viewing *Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation* by Dan Doriani. See details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**WBL Summer Series** — Every other Wednesday at noon at Grace Church. Join us for six lunch-hour studies on "Jesus Through the Eyes of Women" by Rebecca McLaughlin. Find details at [bit.ly/wbl-summer-series](http://bit.ly/wbl-summer-series).

**Job Opening: Senior Staff Administrative Assistant** — Seeking a full-time administrative assistant for Briarwood's senior staff. Applicants need excellent communication and organizational skills. Previous experience as an executive assistant is preferred. Send résumés to Matt Moore at [mmoore@briarwood.org](mailto:mmoore@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: Nursery Committee Supervisor** — Looking for an energetic individual to plan and coordinate the Sunday School and Nursery Committee volunteer rotation. Currently a paid part-time temporary situation but may become permanent. Contact Alison Craig at [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: Briarwood International Outreach** — Seeking a Briarwood member for a 25-hour per week position with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, and a heart for internationals. Send inquiries and résumés to [hmcdougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcdougall@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: Social Media / Writing Assistant** — Seeking a part-time individual who is proficient in various social media platforms, a skillful writer, and a Briarwood member. Submit your résumé to [lmckee@briarwood.org](mailto:lmckee@briarwood.org).

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Men's Fall Football Kickoff — Men's Ministry | August 14**

Wednesday, August 14 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Fellowship Hall. Men and young men are invited to our Men's Football Kickoff Dinner! Come hear how local high school head coaches, Matthew Forester, Robert Evans and Chris Yeager, model their Christian faith and have success at the highest divisions. Tickets online at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

### **Special Needs Resource Fair — Special Connections | August 22**

Briarwood is hosting a Special Needs Resource Fair in the Fellowship Hall on August 22 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Come hear from over 100 agencies that serve people with Special Needs and their families. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required at [briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair](http://briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair).

### **Women's Fall Kickoff — Women's Ministry | August 24 \***

Women, join us for our Women's Fall Kickoff on Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. This Olympic-themed event will focus on fellowship, food and fun! There is no cost, but registration helps us in our planning. For more details and to register go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

### **Foster Parent Class Orientation — National Ministries | Tuesday, August 27**

Lifeline Children's Services offers Foster Parent Training Classes (10 weeks at 6:00 p.m. in G101) that teach the state curriculum from a biblical perspective. Orientation is required to attend classes. Email [cade.smith@lifelinechild.org](mailto:cade.smith@lifelinechild.org) with questions.

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Pray for the staff and volunteers in our MNA English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry. Give thanks for those volunteers who participated in the ESL training session this weekend. Pray as this ministry serves the many internationals in our city.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for fall ESL classes and Friendship Partners, that God would use these ministries to deepen relationships between Briarwood members and internationals and draw people to Himself. Also pray for women who will attend fall ESL Bible study, that God would allow them to see their need for Jesus as Lord and Savior. (The flag of Japan is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Roy Roddam and Pat Fiol.

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Sabre Whitt and family on the death of her husband, member, Jay Whitt.

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