



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 – April 7, 2024

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

...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

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 84:1, 4

All: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Hunter Goff

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

Choral Introit

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Come, Thou Almighty King" Hymn 267

The Confession of Truth*

Hebrews 1:1–4

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

All: 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. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"His Mercy Is More"

Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Colossians 1:15-18

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Derek Thomas

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Colossians 1:15-18

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Hymn 335

Postlude

"Jesus Saves"

*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.

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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Special Chamber Ensemble Prelude Presentation (5:15)

Join us this evening for a special Prelude featuring our Chamber Ensemble singing beautiful hymns and classic works under the direction of Ken Berg.

Welcome

Steven King

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3, 8, 9

All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

*“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”
“O Great God”*

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Rob Looper

*“Seeing is Believing...Or Not”
John 20:19–31*

Benediction*

Doxology*

Postlude

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.

– The Briarwood Church Family

FEATURED EVENTS

“The Art of Discipleship” — MidWeek Class | April 3, 10, 17, and 24 *

Randy Pope will challenge us with the power of personal and intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth. Come each Wednesday in April at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register online at briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship.

“Raising Up a Sexually Faithful Generation” — Parenting Conference | April 13 *

This Harvest USA conference hosted here at Briarwood is designed to help give parents insight, practical help, and principles in raising children as they face the sexual confusion of our culture. Register at briarwood.org/parentingconference.

IMPACT Birmingham Day — Church Mobilization | April 27 *

On the morning of April 27, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects including yard work, painting, distributing food, and repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! See the list of available projects and sign up at briarwood.org/impact.

* 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 and Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for our children and youth ministry staff who are busy recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School, Super Summer, Catechism Camp, Special Connections summer camp and many other ministries. Hundreds of volunteers are needed. Pray as parents, with these ministries, *train up a child in the way he should go* (Proverbs 22:6). Continue to pray as Lampstand leaders follow up with churches who attended the January Lampstand Conference. Pray that the health and revitalization model will encourage and help the leaders as well as the congregation. Pray also for the church revitalization ministry as it works with sister denominations that are seeking to develop healthy churches and presbyteries.

Hospitalized — Denis Devane, Bill Feist, Kathleen Bunn

Our love and sympathy — to Tony Olmedo, Danae Lloyd and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Grace Martinez, on March 29; to Cherybe Thornton and family on the death of her brother, Howard Harris, on March 31; and to Charlee, Evelyn and Daley Splawn and family on the death of their father and grandfather, William Hynson, on April 1.

Worship Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Chuck DeWitt from his funeral on April 1. The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Linda Keffer from her funeral on April 2.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Chamber Ensemble Prelude Presentation — This Sunday evening at 5:15 p.m. in the Worship Center lobby. Join us this evening for a special Prelude featuring our Chamber Ensemble singing beautiful hymns and classic works under the direction of Ken Berg.

Trailblazers Lunch — Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Kathryn Lavallet Tortorici, author of *Two by Two—Conversations Between Friends Navigating Breast Cancer*, will be sharing. Tickets \$10 in the Bookstore and online at Briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Sunday, April 14 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Congregational Meeting — April 14. A congregational meeting has been called by the Session following the evening service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the call of Associate Pastor Dave Matthews. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall to express our love and appreciation to Dave and Betty for their 28 years of service and ministry.

WBL Lunch & Learn — Wednesday, April 17 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at Grace Church (971 Brookwood Village, 35209). Come to our Lunch & Learn with Amy Williams as we discuss walking confidently in the truths of God's Word. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Foster Hope/Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This combined group is for foster and adoptive parents, and anyone interested in fostering/adopting! Come for a time to be encouraged, equipping one another, and meeting with other like-minded families. Email Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Camp Briarwood Testimonies Needed — Did Camp Briarwood change your life? Send us a 1–3 minute video sharing your experience. Be sure to end your video with the tagline "CAMP CHANGED MY LIFE!" Email video to campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

VBS 2024 — June 3–7. Join us for Vacation Bible School this year! Register online at briarwood.org/vbs. Register for teen helpers in May. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org for VBS volunteering or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering.

Graduate Information Needed — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form on the website. High school seniors go to briarwood.org/seniors. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

Pickleball — Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Come join us, beginning April 11, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. No Sign up needed. Don't have a paddle—we'll have extras.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (200mg), antifungal cream and 1% hydrocortisone cream for the spring, summer and fall Dominican Republic mission trips. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

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.