



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 19, 2026

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Rev. Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship 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

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 96:7–9

Pastor: *“Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!”*

All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!”

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“Amazing Grace”
Briarwood Orchestra

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.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymn 267

Confession of Truth*

Westminster Shorter Catechism q. 49–52

Pastor: *What is the Second Commandment?*

All: “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

Pastor: *What is required in the Second Commandment?*

All: The Second Commandment requires that we receive, observe, and keep pure and complete all the ways of worship and ordinances that God has appointed in His Word.

Pastor: *What is forbidden in the Second Commandment?*

All: The Second Commandment forbids worshiping God by images, or in any other way not commanded in His Word.

Pastor: *What are the reasons given for the Second Commandment?*

All: The reasons are God's authority over us, His ownership of us, and His zeal for His own worship.

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

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 Tithes & Our Offerings

The Offertory *"Christus Victor"* The Sing! Hymnal 224

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"His Glory and My Good"*

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

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*† Deuteronomy 5:8-10

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

The Ten Commandments
"The Second Commandment: Worship"
Deuteronomy 5:8-10

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

Postlude

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

“Revelation Song”
Timothy Asbeck, pianist

Welcome

Rev. Max Bunn, Local Missions & Mobilization Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:6–7

Pastor: *The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.*

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“It Was Finished Upon that Cross”
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Only Christ”
Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Mark: The Words of Eternal Life
“The Sower and the Seed”
Mark 4:1–9

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

“The Doxology”

Postlude

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

*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 “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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FEATURED EVENTS

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 25 *

On the morning of April 25, we will partner with local ministries to do service and repair projects, ranging from yard work and painting to distributing food. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Find additional information and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

G.F. Handel's Messiah — Music Ministry Worship Concert | May 3 *

During the Evening Worship Service on May 3, the Briarwood Choir & Orchestra will present several of the solo passages and choruses from G.F. Handel's Messiah, which outlines the redemptive story of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School 2026 — K5–6th Graders | June 1–5

VBS will be June 1–5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts are available for \$10. Register your child and purchase VBS t-shirts at briarwood.org/vbs.

* 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 — Pray for our church family to look to Christ as our head, who joins us together and calls us to build each other up in love. As Ephesians 4:15-16 says, “speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Missions Prayer Focus — Join us in praying this week for Briarwood supported missionaries Vek and Samoeun Taing who serve with New Life Missions in Cambodia. They have been serving for over 50 years in church planting, evangelism and discipleship, and student ministry. They also operate two Christian radio stations and three orphanages in three provinces. We thank God for their faithful service. The flag of Cambodia is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

Church Family — Pray for hospitalized members Sandy Bell, JoAnne Cofer, Vera Cull, Kevin Gush, Doug Heise, Lynn Smith, George Whaley, John Holcombe, and Bud Gutteridge.

We rejoice with Mason and Sydney Murphy on the birth of their daughter, Britley Renee, on April 8, and with grandparents Don and Sandy Murphy.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Local Ministry Prayer — This evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. All are invited to come and pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

Baptism Class — April 22. Expecting and new parents are invited to join us as we walk through the importance of infant baptism and how Briarwood partners with families in raising their covenant child. If you plan to attend, please email lreese@briarwood.org.

Canned Food Drive — April 26. Gather your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. Sunday morning, April 26, leave your donations behind your vehicle for pick up while you are in church.

YBL & Urban Hope Lunch & Discussion Panel — May 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Urban Hope Community Church. Join us for a complimentary luncheon with panelists, Alton Hardy, Jason Ellerbee, and Rob Genin. Learn more and RSVP at ybl.org/events.

National Day of Prayer — May 1 from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All are invited to join us for worship and to pray for the nation at our National Day of Prayer Service. The Prayer Room will also be open all day for prayer.

Officer Nominations — May 1–31. Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2029 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Make submissions online at briarwood.org/nominations or email lreese@briarwood.org.

High School & College Graduating Seniors — May 4 deadline. If you are graduating high school or college this spring, please send your full name and school name to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org or 205-776-5301.

Briarwood Ballet Presents “The Promise” — May 9 & 10 at the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium. This exciting performance is an allegorical retelling of the story of Joseph. Learn more and purchase tickets at briarwood.org/ballet.

CMMA Informational Reception — May 17 in the Fellowship Hall after the 2nd service. All Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Optometrists, & Occupational Therapists are invited to come and hear about the ministry of CMMA.

Support Our Soldiers Memorial Banquet — May 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a banquet for Support Our Soldiers. Tickets are \$20 per person. Purchase 8 tickets to reserve a full table. Register at briarwood.org/events.

VBS Volunteers — June 1–5. Classroom shepherds, nurses, prayer team, greeters, and nursery are all still needed. Teen helper registration is now open for rising 7–12th graders. To sign up to volunteer, please go to briarwood.org/vbs.

Created for a Purpose Conference Volunteers — July 20–24. We need women to help with art rooms (cooking, sewing, paper, painting, sculpture), decorations, and prayer. If you feel led to serve, contact Hannah Grace Walker at hwalker@briarwood.org.

Job opening: Youth Pastor — This position involves responsibility for programming, discipleship, evangelism, outreach opportunities, retreats, and leadership training, and staff development. Send resume to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

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