



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 16, 2026

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Rev. Benny Parks, Ministries Team 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

Psalms 96:10–11

Pastor: *Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."*

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Briarwood Summer 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. – from The Book of Common Worship

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 228

Confession of Truth*

Westminster Shorter Catechism #26; 1 Corinthians 15:25

Pastor: *How does Christ execute the office of a king?*

All: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Pastor: *For God's Word says "And He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet."*

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

The Offertory *"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"*
Briarwood Summer Choir & Orchestra

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"The Lord Almighty Reigns"*
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
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

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*† Psalm 82

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

"The Divine Council"
Psalm 82

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

Postlude *"Rescue the Perishing"*

*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

Christian Education Convocation – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome Ike Reeder, BTS President

Call to Worship Psalm 96:2–3

Pastor: *Sing to the LORD, bless His Name; tell of His salvation from day to day.*

All: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “Jerusalem”
“Be Thou My Vision”
Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

Recognition of Christian Educators Ike Reeder, BTS President

Prayer for Christian Educators Gus Martin, BCS Superintendent

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory “Worthy Worthy”

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

“Two By Two”
Mark 6:7–13

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Postlude Ginger Collins, Pianist

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

Briarwood Inquirers Classes — Church Membership | August 19, 22, & 23

All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. These classes explore What is a Christian? What is the Church? and What is Briarwood? Attendance does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org or go to briarwood.org/membership.

International Welcome Picnic — International Outreach | August 22

Join us in welcoming new international students at UAB with a picnic at Vulcan Park from 4:00–7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for international students to fellowship, make new friends, and receive Christian hospitality from our church. If you'd like to help volunteer, please email hmcdougall@briarwood.org.

* 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 — Lord, I thank You for those who were baptized during Morning Worship. May they be protected by Your Holy Spirit as they put on the whole armor of God to fight against the schemes of the devil (Ephesians 6:10). We pray that they grow to know and love You more each day.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for the Life on Wheels ministry as they use mobile units in Birmingham and Montgomery to provide ultrasounds, save babies, and share the Gospel. For more information or to get involved, visit lifeonwheelsalabama.com.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for continued successful follow-up conversations with pastors who sought more information about the January 2027 Lampstand Conference at General Assembly. Pray that these conversations would spark early registrations for the January conference and that the Lord would continue opening doors for future conferences.

Church Family — Pray for hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Bruce Bush, Barbara Cartledge, David Clarke, Vera Cull, Ellen Fox, Carol Lee, Lori Cooper.

Our love and sympathy to Brenda Harris, Hannah Delk and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Jerry Butte Austin, on August 6; to Candi, Grace, Victoria, Julianna and Misha Campbell and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Dave Engel, on August 6; and to Kristin, Matthew and Caleb Landers and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Bob Day, on August 7.

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings
be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1*

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.

Trailblazers Q&A with Dr. Scott Redd — August 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join the Briarwood Trailblazers for a lunch and Q&A time with Dr. Scott Redd. Sign up online for \$10 at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Join the Choir — Beginning August 19. We need you in the Briarwood Choir! Show up any Wednesday evening at 6:30 for rehearsal. Sign up at www.signupforchoir.com.

Trail Life & American Heritage Girls Open House — August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. All boys and girls and their parents are invited to learn about these Christ-centered character, leadership, and outdoor adventure ministries for children ages 5–17.

Communion Service — August 23. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the evening service. An alms mercy offering will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Foster Parenting Classes — Orientation meeting on August 26 at 6:00 p.m. in G101. Classes begin September 9 at 6:00 pm in G103. Register online at lifelinechild.org/upcoming-event/al-foster-parent-training-orientation-2/.

Reformed Forum Fall Conference — August 28–29 at Cahaba Park Presbyterian Church. Dive into deep discussions and fresh insights at this year's conference with Birmingham Theological Seminary. Register online at briarwood.org/events.

Children's Promotion Sunday — August 30. If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2026–27 school year, let us know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

YBL Fall Breakfast — September 11 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. at the Harbert Center. Join us for "Faithful Men, Strong Communities" from speaker Alton Hardy, Pastor of Urban Hope Community Church. Register online at ybl.org/events.

Adoption & Foster Connection — September 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Current and interested foster and adoption parents are invited to meet with other like-minded families to encourage and equip one another. Email w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Trailblazers "The Vietnam Experience" — September 18 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in FH-A. Come here testimony from Ty Dodge who served as second lieutenant and platoon leader with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam. Register online.

Trailblazers Tour of New Orleans — October 5–9. Travel with the Briarwood Trailblazers for a guided tour of New Orleans. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Father Son Retreat — October 9–11, Calling all rising 3rd–6th graders and fathers! This retreat at Shocco Springs will be a great time for fathers and sons to connect with each other and together connect to their creator. Register online at briarwood.org/events.

Children's Catechism Sunday School — Registration is now open for rising 4th–6th graders. This 9-month class requires weekly homework and memorization. Space is limited to 20 participants. To register, email rmacoy@briarwood.org.