



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 – July 12, 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

Psalm 100:1–2, 5

Pastor: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!*

All: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness
to all generations.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

Hunter Goff, Organist

*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

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Christ for the World We Sing" Trinity Hymnal 447

Confession of Truth* Westminster Larger Catechism #53 (modern English version)

Pastor: *How was Christ exalted in His ascension?*

All: Christ was exalted in His ascension in this way: after His resurrection,
He often appeared to His apostles and spoke with them about the kingdom
of God. He gave them the commission to preach the gospel to all nations.
Then, forty days after His resurrection, in our human nature and as our head,
He visibly went up into the highest heavens, triumphing over His enemies.
There He received gifts for His people, lifted our hearts toward heaven, and
prepared a place for us. He remains there until His second coming at the end
of the world.

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 Lord Almighty Reigns"*
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"Hear The Call of the Kingdom"*
"There Is One Gospel"

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

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*† 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr.
President & Co-Founder of Third Millennium Ministries

"Why Don't You Just Leave Me Alone?"
2 Corinthians 5:16–21

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* Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

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

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

Prelude

Ginger Collins, Pianist

Welcome

Rev. Wright Draper, Senior Adults Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

All: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe! Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

*“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”
“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”*
Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

Announcements

2026 General Assembly Report

Ruling Elder, Jason Crowe

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Come, Thou Fount”

Message & Conversation

Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr.

“Global Theological Education”

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

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.

– Dr. Scott Redd & the Briarwood Church Family

FEATURED EVENTS

Impact Weekend — Youth Ministry | July 31 – August 2

Calling all high school students! Join us for our annual Impact Weekend – a weekend with speakers, worship, activities and discipleship groups at students' homes! Will Carlisle is leading worship this year and Ben Weber (Campus Outreach Bham Director) is our speaker. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life so you can impact others! Register online at briarwood.org/events.

* 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, give us Your heart for others. Help us see those who need an encouraging word. Give us strength to die to ourselves and to actively build others up in Christ. “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for The WellHouse, a ministry that provides opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking through its emergency, short-term, and long-term care programs. Please pray and consider volunteering to support the staff as they serve and share God's love with hurting women and children. Visit the-wellhouse.org/volunteer to learn more.

Missions Prayer Focus — Please pray for those who expressed interest in receiving information about Lampstand during General Assembly. Pray that they would take steps to secure and maintain church health. Please also pray for discussions about Lampstand Conferences in the U.S. and abroad.

Church Family — Pray for hospitalized members Jody Bursley, Mikyung Choi, Dave Lewis, Don Murphy, Duff Quenelle, Buddy Runnels, Betty Harrison, Bill Shimer.

Our love and sympathy to Katrin Gordon and family on the death of her mother, member Olga Gordon; to the family of member, Pat Singletary, on her death on July 2; to Tim, Chaney, Luke and Grant Eller and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Jerry Eller, on July 5; and to Pam, Ana, Gracey, Sissy and Halle Barker, Peggy Townes and family on the death of their husband, father and brother, member Frank Barker III, on July 5.

The flowers in the Worship Center this Sunday are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Katie Rogers and Hadden Stubbs on July 11, 2026.

The flowers in the Worship Center and foyer last Sunday were given in loving memory of Judy Carpenter and Linda Cobb.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting — Sunday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m. in W-202. All are invited to a special time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Trailblazers Travel Meeting — July 13 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in A-209. Come learn about upcoming Trailblazer trips! Sign up online or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Communion Service — July 19. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the morning services. An alms mercy offering will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Created for a Purpose — July 20–24. Created for a Purpose is a 5-day program that teaches 3rd–8th grade girls that they are masterpieces created by God with unique purposes! Register online at briarwood.org/events.

Trailblazers Music & Dessert — July 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in FH-E&F. Let's go back to the fifties with the Briarwood Trailblazers for music and dessert with John Livingston! Sign up online or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Impact Weekend — July 31 – August 2. All 9th – 12th grades, join us for a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' houses. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life! Register at briarwood.org/events.

Join the Briarwood Choir — We need you in the choir! We have four Summer "Choir Invitationals". Go to www.signupforchoir.com for more information.

Women's Summer Bible Study — Join us this summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This summer the study will be on the book of Hosea and will be taught by eight different women in the church. Nursery is available with registration.

Men's Summer Study — Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be discussing Relational Discipleship: Biblical Models for Forming Believers taught by Dr. Scott Redd and Briarwood Pastors.

Super Summer 2026 — Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to briarwood.org/children.

Job opening: Registered Nurse — BCS Lower School campus seeks to hire a part-time registered school nurse to begin in August for the 2026–2027 academic year. Learn more about this position or apply at briarwoodchristianschool.org/about/employment.

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.

Job opening: Women Business Leaders, Director — This role will focus on leading and managing the ministry of Women Business Leaders, focused on reaching working women within the Birmingham area. Send resume to rgein@briarwood.org.

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