



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 – May 17, 2026

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Rev. Benny Parks, Ministries Team Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 145:4

All: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare
Your mighty acts.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Briarwood Orchestra

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. – from The Book of Common Worship

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Baccalaureate Processional (8:00)

Hymn of Ascents*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hymn 92

Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 3:14–19

Pastor: *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being,*

All: so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"To the Lamb on the Throne"

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Lord, I Need You" The Sing! Hymnal 439

"Be Thou My Vision" Hymn 382

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*

Scripture Reading*†

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology, Covenant Seminary

"Resurrection and Life"

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Baccalaureate Recessional (8:00)

Congregational Affirmation*

"Take My Life and Let It Be" Hymn 379

Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*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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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Welcome Rev. Eric Reebals, Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

Call to Worship Psalm 22:22–23

Pastor: *I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation
I will praise You:*

All: You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise* “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners” Hymn 89

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Mark: The Words of Eternal Life
“The Kingdom of God”
Mark 4:26–29

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation* “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” Hymn 193

Confession of Sin Daniel 9:4–20, selected

The Receiving of the Elements

Pastoral Benediction*

Closing Hymn* “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” Hymn 193

Postlude

FEATURED EVENTS

Vacation Bible School — 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. This year, we will be focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. T-shirts are available for \$10. Register your child and purchase VBS t-shirts at briarwood.org/vbs.

Super Summer 2026 — Children’s Ministry | June 8 – July 30

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.

Catechism Camps — Children’s Ministry | June 15–19 & July 6–10

Students will spend time each day memorizing catechism questions and taking part in various activities. Camp for 3rd & 4th graders will be June 15–19 and camp for 1st and 2nd graders will be July 6–10. For details, go to briarwood.org/children.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Let us give thanks for our high school seniors graduating from Briarwood Christian School this week. May Christ be their source of joy and bless their future endeavors.

Missions Prayer Focus — As the PCA General Assembly approaches in June, please pray for Pastor Rob Looper who will speak with many church leaders regarding future participation in the Lampstand Conference. Continue to pray for pastors and leaders who attended the Columbia, South Carolina conference. Ask that the health and revitalization model would encourage, strengthen, and equip them as they faithfully serve their ministries. The flag of South Carolina is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

Church Family — Pray for hospitalized members Jeanette Ellis, Betty Gibson, Eric Johnston, Pat Singletary, George Whaley Fred Yancey, and Miles Merwin.

We rejoice with Tyler and Gracie Power on the birth of their son, Tyler Brooks, on May 6.

Our love and sympathy to Jim and Tom Hedrick and family on the death of their sister, Isabel Atcheson, on May 2; to Richard and Chesley Kalehoff and family on the death of their daughter, Valley Grace Kalehoff, on May 6; and to George Walker and family on the death of his father, George Walker, on May 7.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Harry L. Reeder, III by his family.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

CMMA Informational Reception — This afternoon 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.

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.

Dedicate a Flag — On sale May 24 – June 14. Each \$15 donation in memory or honor of someone provides a flag on campus and the name of the person will be listed in our June 28 evening bulletin. Order online at briarwood.org/events.

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.

WBL Summer Series — Beginning June 3. Every other Wednesday at noon at Oakworth Capital Bank. Join us for six lunch-hour studies on the Fruit of the Spirit. Find details and register online at wblbirmingham.org.

VBS Volunteers — June 1–5. Volunteers are all still needed. Teen helper registration is also available for rising 7–12th graders. To sign up to volunteer, go to briarwood.org/vbs.

University of Alabama Tour — June 16. Join the Briarwood Trailblazers for a private tour of the University of Alabama with National Missions Partner Scotty Hollins of Blueprint Ministries and Alabama Basketball chaplain. Register at briarwood.org/events.

Summer Choir Invitationals — June 21, July 26, & August 16. We need you to join the Briarwood Choir! This summer, we will have three Summer “Choir Invitationals”. Go to signupforchoir.com for information or email pphilley@briarwood.org.

Summer Soccer Camp — June 22–26 & July 14–16. Soccer Camp for players age 7–14, is open to the public. Register online at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205.776.5114.

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.

Active-Duty Military — Update our Active Duty Military list of members and family members so that we can pray for them. Provide us with name, rank, branch of service, and the relationship to you. Email Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org.

Job opening: Church Librarian — Part-time, flexible hours. Develop, manage, and maintain our resources and supervise the library staff. Library credentials preferred. Contact churchlibrary@briarwood.org to apply and for details.

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