



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 28, 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

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

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 18:1–2, 46

Leader: *I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

All: The LORD lives, and blessed be my Rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Denise Wichlan & Daniel Cason, soloists

O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary’s cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Summer Choir)

Choral Introit

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn 26

Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn 66

The Confession of Truth*

Romans 8:31, 35, 37–39

Leader: *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?*

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

Prayer of Illumination*

The Old Testament Reading*†

Psalm 115

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Rob Looper

"A Weighty Matter"

Psalm 115

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation*

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" Trinity Hymnal

Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Receiving of the Elements

"Communion Song"

Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

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

Congregational Affirmation*

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" Trinity Hymnal

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1–2

Leader: *Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!*

All: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“His Mercy Is More”
“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“O Great God”

Scripture & Sermon

Pastor Stephen King

“Why Plant a Church?”
Matthew 19–20

Doxology*

Benediction*

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 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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FEATURED EVENTS

Youth IMPACT Weekend — Briarwood Youth | August 2–4

All 9th–12th grade students, come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an impact on others! Join us for IMPACT Weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' homes. Register at briarwood.org/youth.

Men's Fall Football Kickoff — Men's Ministry | August 14

Wednesday, August 14 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Men and young men, come to our Men's Football Kickoff dinner! Hear local high school head coaches, Matthew Forester, Robert Evans and Chris Yeager, share how they model the Christian faith and have success at the highest divisions. Buy tickets (\$10) at briarwood.org/men.

Special Needs Resource Fair — Special Connections | August 22

Briarwood is hosting a Special Needs Resource Fair on August 22 in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Come to learn about agencies that serve our Special Needs community. Registration required at briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair.

Women's Fall Kickoff — Women's Ministry | August 24 *

Women, join us for our Women's Fall Kickoff on Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This Olympic themed event will focus on fellowship, food and fun! There is no cost, but registration helps us in our planning. Register at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available with registration.

* 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

Praise the Lord! *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:1–3*

Briarwood Prayer Focus — As we come into the presence of the Lord for worship, we are overwhelmed by His goodness and amazed by His greatness. Pray for the Lord to instruct our hearts to serve Him through the preaching of His holy Word.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Samuel and Carol Foucachon and their church, Chapelle de Nesle, in the center of Paris during the Olympic Games July 26 through August 11. Pray for preparations and for an amazing work of God through church members who seek to live and speak the gospel through planned programs to draw in visitors and Olympians. (The flag of France is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Beth Adair, Ken Austin, Merle Howard, Bill Marlar, Linda Grinnell, Al Black, Ella Joy Bragan, Sarah Moseley, Joe Loggins

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

YBL Summer Series #2 — Thursday, August 1 from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Samford's Regions Room. Join us to hear panelists Jared Hudson, Dion Watts, and Chuck Welden discuss purpose, identity, and the image of God. Register at ybl.org/Birmingham/events/.

ESL Teacher Training — August 2–3. Join us for free ESL Training to equip you to reach the nations. Required registration and details at briarwood.org/esltraining or to find out how to get involved with Briarwood ESL, contact cmcgregor@briarwood.org.

Bruce & Sonya Stallings Reception — August 11 after the evening Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to honor Bruce and Sonya Stallings for their many years of service at Briarwood.

Trailblazers Ice Cream Social — August 19 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. at Club 55 Clubhouse (8145 Annika Drive). Come enjoy a time of fellowship and the sounds of Jay and The Elders Quartet. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

YBL Summer Study — Mondays from 7:00–8:15 p.m. at the home of Mark Edwards, 2022 Country Ridge Place. Join us for a six-week YBL Summer Study titled Christian Manhood: Character Studies from 1 Samuel. Register at bit.ly/YBLChristianManhood.

Women's Summer Study — Join us for our last summer study next Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall-C&D. We will focus on the “but God” passages where circumstances do not get the last word. Nursery is available with reservations.

Men's Summer Study — Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be over-viewing *Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation* by Dan Doriani. See details at briarwood.org/men.

WBL Summer Series — Every other Wednesday at noon at Grace Church. Join us for six lunch-hour studies on “Jesus Through the Eyes of Women” by Rebecca McLaughlin. Find details at bit.ly/wbl-summer-series.

Children's Sunday School Promotion — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2024-25 school year, let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Senior Staff Administrative Assistant — Seeking a full-time administrative assistant for Briarwood's senior staff. Applicants need excellent communication and organizational skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office and previous experience as an executive assistant is preferred. Send résumés to Matt Moore at mmoore@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Social Media / Writing Assistant — Part-time position for a Briarwood member who is proficient in various social media platforms and a skillful writer. Submit resume to lmckee@briarwood.org.

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.