



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 12, 2026

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Rev. Benny Youngblood, Shepherding Team 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 119:1-2

Pastor: *Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!*

All: Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"How Beautiful are the Feet of Them Who Bring the Gospel"
(from "The Messiah" GF Handel) Carrie Turner, Soloist

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.

Choral Introit

"O Word of God Incarnate"
Briarwood Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Welcoming of New Members (11:00)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"How Firm a Foundation" Hymn 275

Confession of Truth*

Westminster Shorter Catechism q. 45-48

Pastor: *Which is the first commandment?*

All: The first commandment is, "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Pastor: *What is required in the first commandment?*

All: The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God as the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

Pastor: *What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

All: The first commandment forbids denying or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; it also forbids giving of that worship and glory, which is due to Him alone, to anyone or anything else.

Pastor: *What are we specially taught by these words, “before Me,” in the first commandment?*

All: These words, “before Me,” in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees all things, takes notice of and is very displeased with the sin of having any other 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

*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

“Only Christ”

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

“Who Is Like the Lord?” (Psalm 150)

“My Soul Will Wait” (Psalm 62)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*†

Deuteronomy 5:7

Exposition of God’s Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

The Ten Commandments

“The First Commandment: God”

Deuteronomy 5:7

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

Daniel Cason, Pianist

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome Rob Genin, Executive Director of YBL Ministries

Call to Worship Psalm 40:8

All: I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “Only a Holy God”
“In Christ Alone”
Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory “Like No Other”

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Mark: The Words of Eternal Life
“The Family of Christ”

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 — Join us in praying for our new members who took their vows this morning. Give thanks for their commitment to Christ and to our church, and for using their gifts to serve the Body. Also, pray for our church family to welcome them with open arms and to help them and their families find their places at Briarwood.

Missions Prayer Focus — Please be in prayer for the Lampstand Conference April 23-25 at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Pray for all the pastors as they teach and for the conference to be impactful, encouraging, and refreshing to the attendees. The flag of South Carolina is featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Church Family — Pray for hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Jim Shackelford.

Our love and sympathy to Margaret, Thomas and Jonathan Hess and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Walter H. Wilborn, on April 3.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given in honor of Jack Prickett by his family.

*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

Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting — This evening at 5:00 pm, in W-202. All are invited for this special time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Adoption/Foster Connection Meeting — April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides' Room. This group for foster/adoptive parents, and those interested in fostering/adopting, focuses on encouraging and equipping one another. Email w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Become a Briarwood Member — April 15, 18 and 19. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Class. Attending does not obligate you to join. To sign up, call 205-776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

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.

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

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.

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.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen 200mg, anti-fungal cream, Tylenol 500mg, and 1% hydrocortisone cream for mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

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.