



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 3, 2026

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## 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 118:24

All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"The Trumpet Shall Sound"*

(1 Corinthians 15:53–54)

From "Messiah" by Handel; Alonza Jones, Soloist

*"O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my Substitute, and His righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, returning home a prodigal, crying, Father, forgive me, and You always bringing forth the best robe. May I never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the vast righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, and the exceeding wonder of grace." –from The Valley of Vision*

## Choral Introit

*"Hallelujah Chorus"* From "Messiah" by Handel

Briarwood Choir

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Receiving of New Members (11:00)

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* Hymn 108

## Confession of Truth\*

Westminster Shorter Catechism, q. 57–62

Pastor: *Which is the fourth commandment?*

All: The fourth commandment is: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work—you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

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



# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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BRIARWOOD CHOIR & ORCHESTRA  
*presenting*

G.F. HANDEL'S  
*Messiah*

SUNDAY, MAY 3  
6:00 P.M. • WORSHIP CENTER

\*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](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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## FEATURED EVENTS

### **G.F. Handel's Messiah — Music Ministry Worship Concert | May 3 \***

During this evening's Worship Service, 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.

### **National Day of Prayer — Prayer Service | May 7 \***

We invite you to join us in the chapel on Thursday, May 7, at noon for a time of corporate prayer as we participate in the 75th National Day of Prayer and mark our nation's 250th anniversary. This one-hour service will be facilitated by elders and assisted by musicians. The Prayer Room will also be open all day for prayer.

### **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. T-shirts are available for \$10. Register your child and purchase VBS t-shirts at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Pray for our Spring Worship Concert this evening, where our worship team, orchestra, and choir will lead us in worship through the performance of excerpts from Handel's Messiah. Praise the Lord for the incredible musical gifts He has given members of our congregation. May this concert bless the name of Christ, bless those who perform, and bless all who hear.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Please pray for Heber and Lydia Romero serving in Cuba. Harsh living conditions and suffering exist due to prolonged power outages, shortages of water, food, fuel, and medicine. Pray for God's mercy to allow changes in Cuba soon and for wise and honest leaders. Pray for strength to serve the Lord sharing the love, faith, and hope of Jesus Christ with neighbors. The flag of Cuba is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Linda Cobb, Jeanette Ellis, Clara Gipson, JoAnne Roddam, George Whaley, Bert Mullis, and Doug Dickinson.

Our love and sympathy to Julie, Greer and Jordan Gunter and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Elizabeth Fisher, on April 24; and to Aileen, Melissa, Matthew and Steven Giddens and family on the death of their brother and uncle, John Duffey, on April 26.

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](http://briarwood.org/nominations) or email [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**Briarwood Soccer Club** — Sign up by May 9. Soccer tryouts for competitive boys and girls players ages 10–18 are open to the public at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.com).

**Briarwood Ballet Presents “The Promise”** — May 9 & 10 at the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium. This exciting performance is an allegorical retelling of the story of Joseph. Learn more and purchase tickets at [briarwood.org/ballet](http://briarwood.org/ballet).

**VBS Prep Day** — May 12 at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. VBS volunteers, come to FH-F to pick up your t-shirt, manual, yard sign, and other VBS information.

**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](http://briarwood.org/events).

**VBS Volunteers** — June 1–5. Over 20 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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/events).

**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](http://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](mailto:hwalker@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](mailto:churchlibrary@briarwood.org) to apply and for details.

**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](mailto: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 [rgenin@briarwood.org](mailto:rgenin@briarwood.org).

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