



**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 – Sunday, April 23, 2023

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

## Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 26:8

All: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"*

Sanctuary Choir

*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 and Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"And Can It Be?"* Trinity Hymnal (vv. 1, 2, 5)

## The Confession of Truth\*

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question #33

Leader: *What is justification?*

All: Justification is an act of God's free grace by which He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, received by faith alone.

## 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  
*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,  
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

### Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

#### Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*"How Great (Psalm 145)"*  
*"Worthy, Worthy"*  
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD  
*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

#### Prayer of Illumination\*

#### New Testament Reading\*†

Romans 8:1

#### Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLVIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective  
*The Gospel of God*  
"No Condemnation – Now"  
Romans 8:1

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\*

#### Congregational Response\*

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

#### Postlude

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

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

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude** Daniel Cason

**Welcome** Benny Youngblood

**Call to Worship** Psalm 27:4

Leader: *One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:*

All: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** *“His Mercy Is More”*  
*“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”*  
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** Daniel Cason

**Scripture and Sermon** Pastor Reeder

XIV. Zechariah In Biblical Perspective  
*The Gospel According to Zechariah*  
“The Judgment of God and the Salvation of God”  
Zechariah 9

**Benediction\***

**Doxology\***

**Postlude**

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## GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

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. I 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.

—Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Project Andrew Training — Briarwood Evangelism | April 26 \***

Join us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall for our final Project Andrew Evangelism Training Session led by Eric Reebals. Register for dinner and nursery at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

## **Children's Choirs Concert — Briarwood Music | April 30 \***

During evening worship, come enjoy music from the Briarwood Children's Choirs. This service will not be live-streamed or available for online viewing.

## **Max Lucado's "You Are Special" — Briarwood Ballet | May 6 & 7**

Attend May 6 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. or May 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Fine Arts Auditorium at Briarwood High School. Buy tickets at [briarwood.org/balletevents](http://briarwood.org/balletevents).

## **Handel's Messiah — Briarwood Music Concert | May 7 \***

Handel's Messiah will be presented by over 120 musicians from the Briarwood Sanctuary Choir, soloists, ensemble, and full orchestra on Sunday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. This worship concert is free of charge and will last approximately 90 minutes.

## **Vacation Bible School 2023 — Children's Ministry | June 5-9 \***

VBS will be June 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Register at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

## **Summer Counseling Conference — Counseling Ministry | June 23-24**

Receive Biblical Counseling training to lead others to be "More than Conquerors through Him who loved us." Keynote speakers will include Dr. Kevin Hurt and Pastor Reeder. Find additional information or register at [briarwood.org/counseling](http://briarwood.org/counseling).

\* Nursery is available 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

**Local and Missions Prayer** — Please continue Lord, to place Your protection upon Your people... give us wisdom and courage. Pray for David and Julie Choi who serve in Australia with Mission to the World. They are a part of Island to Island Partnership that combine efforts to reach 13+ people groups in the Pacific Islands with the gospel. Please pray for God's favor on this strategic work of evangelism. (The flag of Australia is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Bill Feist, Sarah Stewart, Anne Stowe, Jim Bragan

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to the family of Phillip Coker, who died on April 14 and to Carol Hendrickson and family on the death of her mother, Bernie Hendrickson, on April 7.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Children's Passport Night** — Friday, April 28 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, join us as we explore India and see all that God is doing there! There is no cost and dinner will be provided. Registration is required at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children).

**Food Drive** — Sunday, April 30. Bring canned goods and non-perishables to donate to Daniel Cason Ministries. Leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

**Officer Nomination Month** — Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2026 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Forms will be available at the church information stations. The deadline for nominations is May 31.

**Christianity Explored Training** — May 3 & 10 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Interested in learning how to lead a CE small group Bible study? Bring your bible and come hear from Bobby Parks about how you can become a CE leader. Dinner will not be provided. Nursery is available upon registration.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — Our Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members begins May 3. It includes one Wednesday night class (May 3), one Saturday morning class (May 8), one Sunday morning class (May 9) and a luncheon on May 21 for those who are joining. By attending, you are not obligated to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**National Day of Prayer** — Thursday, May 4 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Rev. Stephen King will share a devotional and there will be times of music and prayer. The chapel will be open all day for prayer.

**Camp Briarwood, Lifeguards Needed** — June 19–23. Lifeguards must be certified and provide documentation. Contact Quest at 205-776-5237 or [quest@briarwood.org](mailto:quest@briarwood.org).

**Worship Center Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby last Sunday were given to the glory of God from the funerals of Evelyn Farris held on April 13 and Miriam Cox held on April 14.

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## EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

**YBL Small Group Coordinator** — Work with the YBL Director in carrying out discipleship initiatives in Birmingham, including launching small groups, conducting one-on-one meetings and assisting with outreach initiatives, especially among the 20 & 30-year-old demographic. Please contact Rob Genin, [rgenin@briarwood.org](mailto:rgenin@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5455.

**Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff** — There are a number of full and part-time ministry positions open: Board Directed Ministries, Music Worship, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, Briarwood Christian School and Church Facilities.

See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).