



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, May 7, 2023

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

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

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 62:1

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Briarwood Youth Choir

"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

Invocation

Receiving of Youth Communicants (10:55)

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 262

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"Lamb of God!"

Briarwood Youth Choir

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"Jesus Paid It All" Hymn 210

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*

New Testament Reading*†

Romans 8:5–11

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

L. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“The Law and the Spirit”

Romans 8:5–11

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***The Hymn of Preparation**

“*There Is a Redeemer*” Hymn 206 (vv. 1, 2)

The Confession of Truth*

1 Corinthians 11:23–29

Leader: *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

All: Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Presentation of the Table

Corporate Confession of Sin

From Psalm 51

Receiving of the Elements

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Response*

“*There Is a Redeemer*” Hymn 206 (v. 3)

Postlude

“*This Is My Father's World*”

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Handel's Messiah

*presented by the
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra*

Handel's Messiah

Briarwood Music Concert | May 7 • 6:00 p.m.

Handel's Messiah will be presented by over 120 musicians from the Briarwood Sanctuary Choir, soloists, ensemble, and full orchestra. This worship concert is free of charge and will last approximately 90 minutes.

This event will be streamed at briarwood.org/livestream.

*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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UPCOMING EVENTS

“Gather, Grow, & Go” — Briarwood Christian School | May 9

“Gather, Grow, and Go” with Briarwood Christian High School at a free community outreach event featuring BCS Worship Leaders, RADICA, and Act of Congress. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. at Lion’s Pride Stadium at the Briarwood High School campus.

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. Volunteers are still needed. Please email rmacoy@briarwood.org if interested.

Super Summer 2023 — Children’s Ministry | June 12–August 3

Children age 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. Activities include Let’s Play, Defy, McWane Center, Splash Adventure and more! For details, download the Super Summer brochure at briarwood.org/supersummer.

Summer Counseling Conference — Counseling Ministry | June 23–24

Receive Biblical counselor 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.

* Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for our officials throughout America — for their wisdom in directing America’s great people and for God’s mighty hand to govern over all. Please pray for ministry partner John Freeman as he serves with Harvest USA, a ministry that brings the truth of Jesus Christ by helping individuals and families affected by sexual struggles and provides churches and individuals resources that address biblical sexuality. Pray for the men and women who receive ministry through support groups as well as one-on-one discipleship. (The flag of Pennsylvania is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Bart Kidd, Anne Stowe, Steve Greenall, Terry Chase

Our Love and Sympathy — to Rachael Thomas and family on the death of her grandmother, Marjorie Ann Schiffhauer, on April 20; to Michael Jefferson and family on the death of his mother, Carolyn Johnson Jefferson, on April 24; to Ricky, Elijah and Alexandria Moore on the death of their mother and grandmother, Murriel Lee Moore, on April 26; and to Chuck, Katie Frances and Haden Powell and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Sylvia Patricia Powell, on May 2.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Tithe Envelopes — The church Accounting office is changing envelope providers. If you have never received envelopes and would like to, or if you have been receiving them and wish to continue, please complete the form at briarwood.org/tithe-envelopes. If you do not sign up, you will no longer receive envelopes in the mail.

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

Christianity Explored Training — May 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.

BCS Graduation Service — May 14 during the 8:00 a.m. morning worship service, we will congratulate and honor our graduates. The baccalaureate service for Briarwood Christian High School students will be held in the church Worship Center that afternoon at 3:00 p.m. A livestream of the service will be available at briarwood.org/livestream.

Men & Boys Mother's Day Chorus — May 14 during the morning worship services, men and boys will be invited to the choir loft to sing a special musical selection honoring and remembering all mothers.

VBS Volunteers Needed — June 5–9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Twenty-six rising K5-6th grade VBS shepherds are still needed. If interested, please email rmacoy@briarwood.org. One-hundred teen helpers are also needed. Teen helpers can register at briarwood.org/vbs.

Women's Summer Fellowships — Select dates and times in June and July. Women, gather in a host home in groups of 10 for food, fellowship, and to hear from a "Mystery Guest." For additional info or to sign up, go to briarwood.org/women.

Host a Briarwood Fellow — Church member families of all sizes and stages are welcome, including empty-nesters! The program runs from September 2023 to May 2024. Contact Chad Escue at cescue@briarwood.org or 803-546-9337 for more information.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

National and Church Revitalization Ministries — A talented and detailed leader is needed to manage administrative responsibilities. The candidate for this 29-hour-per-week position must be a Briarwood church member. Abilities needed include proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, financial recordkeeping, database management, and pastoral support. Please send resume or email inquiries to nationalministries@briarwood.org.

See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.