



**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 14, 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

*Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words... Deuteronomy 4:10*

## Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 139:23–24

All: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

## Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

Hunter Goff, Organist

*O Lord, unto You I lift my soul! I praise You that You have granted me mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Your perfect Son on my behalf at Calvary's cross. I come today with thanksgiving in my heart and praise upon my lips for the sustaining grace that You supply each day through the work of Your Holy Spirit in my life.*

## Baccalaureate Processional (8:00)

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

## Greeting of Grace and Peace\*

*(Men and boys, please come forward at this time for the Mother's Day Chorus.)*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"And Can It Be?"* Trinity Hymnal

## Special Ministry in Music

*"In Christ Alone"*

*"How Great Thou Art"* Hymn 4 (vv. 1, 4)

*"Amazing Grace"* Hymn 202 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

Men and Boys Mother's Day Chorus

## The Confession of Truth\*

Colossians 3:1–4

Leader: *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

All: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ Who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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*

**Recognition of Graduates**

**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 Tithe and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering of Worship**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*  
Hunter Goff, Soloist

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**New Testament Reading\*†**

Romans 8:1–11

**Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

LI. Romans in Biblical Perspective

*The Gospel of God*

"Led by the Spirit"

Romans 8:1–11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Baccalaureate Recessional\* (8:00)**

**Congregational Affirmation\***

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

**Postlude**

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

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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** Saeyoung Park

**Call to Worship** Psalm 144:15

All: Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people  
whose God is the LORD!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** *“There Is One Gospel”*  
*“Jesus, Only Jesus”*  
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** *“Ancient of Days”*  
Shane Davis, Soloist

**Scripture and Sermon** Pastor Reeder

XV. Zechariah in Biblical Perspective  
*The Gospel According to Zechariah*  
“Heaven-sent Revival”  
Zechariah 10

**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

# 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](http://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.

**Trailblazers Coffee** — Tuesday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m. in G101. Come hear a presentation about managing Medicare. Sign up at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email Sharon at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Church and School Offices Closed** — Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.

**BTS Summer Semester** — Take a seminary class this summer! Classes begin May 30. For the upcoming class schedule, go to [bts.education](http://bts.education).

**10-Minute Choir** — Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments starting June 4. Meet in the choir loft 10 minutes before each service and return to your seat after the opening hymn. All are welcome; no experience needed!

**VBS Volunteers Needed** — June 5–9. Additional shepherds and teen helpers are needed. If interested, email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) or go to [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

**Women's Summer Fellowships** — Select dates and times in June and July. Women will 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](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Worship Center Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center and Lobby today are in honor of our high school graduates. The flowers in the Worship Center and Worship Center Lobby last Lord's Day, May 7, were given to the glory of God from the wedding of Amanda Peterson and Luis León on May 6.

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## EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

**Children's and Graduate & Career's Administration Assistant** — Part-time position for a Briarwood member requiring basic computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Publisher) plus graphic design abilities and organizing/coordinating events. For additional information, go to [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

**Nursery Administrative Supervisor** — This position is full-time with benefits and supports the director of the nursery with day-to-day needs, interacts with parents, and supports nursery staff who are working in the rooms. For more information, contact Alison Craig at [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5214.

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **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). Volunteers are still needed. Please email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/counseling).

## **Christianity in America 2023 — The Hoppers in Concert | July 2 \***

Come and celebrate America while honoring our veterans! Multi-award-winning family group, The Hoppers, will perform Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This concert will be free of charge and open to all. Following the evening service, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn.

\* 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

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.* Proverbs 3:5, 6

**Local and Missions Prayer** — Pray for our 2023 Senior Class students as they begin a new phase of their lives. Pray for their safety, their continued growth with and in the Lord, and their protection from the enemy. Pray for Pastor Rob Looper as he attends the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church General Synod, June 6–8, to meet with pastors and church leaders about Lampstand's biblical strategies for church health, growth, and vitality.

**Hospitalized** — Joshua Asbeck, Mary Brakefield, Bill Foreman, Anne Stowe, Sally Scott

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Jon Vermeer, Anna Heard and family on the death of their mother, Barb Vermeer, on May 2; to Zach, Anderson, Julia, and Emma Ivey and family on the death of his mother, Paula Ivey, on May 3; and to Sarah Lumpkin, Julie Sasse and family on the death of their mother-in-law and grandmother, Jettie Lumpkin, on May 5.

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