



**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 28, 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

*I will thank You in the great congregation;*

*in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18*

## Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 104:30–31

Leader: *When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.*

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works.

## Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Hunter Goff, Organist

*Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. – from The Book of Common Worship*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace and Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"O For a Thousand Tongues"* Hymn 76

## The Confession of Truth\*

Acts 1:4–8

Leader: *And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me;*

All: *...for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

Leader: *So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority.*

All: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

**Ministry Opportunities for Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5*

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

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

*"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"  
"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law  
of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**Old Testament Reading\*†**

Psalm 23

**Exposition of God's Word**

Dr. Neil Stewart

*"It's a Sheep's Life"  
Psalm 23*

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Response\***

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

**Postlude**

*"Psalm 19"*

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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** Mikyung Park

**Welcome** Rob Genin

**Call to Worship** Psalm 22:22–23

Leader: *I will tell of Your Name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation  
I will praise You:*

All: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** *“Before the Throne of God Above”*  
*“Jesus Messiah”*  
*“Chorus of Jesus Paid it All”*  
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** *“All Sufficient Merit”*  
Shane Davis

**Scripture and Sermon** Pastor Ray Tucker  
*“We Will Prevail”*  
Matthew 16:13–19

**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

**Pastor Reeder Service of Celebration** — A replay of the May 24 Memorial Service is available on the Briarwood App or online at [briarwood.org/reederservice](http://briarwood.org/reederservice).

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

**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 or online at [briarwood.org/nominations](http://briarwood.org/nominations).

**Tithe Envelopes** — The church Accounting office is changing envelope providers. Our deadline for July/September has passed and all that have currently signed up will receive the new envelopes. If you still wish to sign up you can, but envelopes may not be provided prior to the 3rd quarter. We will work with the new company to get envelopes to you, but cannot guarantee they will arrive prior to July.

**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!

**Men's and Women's Summer Studies** — Studies begin the week of June 12. Women's Tuesday study will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Nursery reservations and details can be found at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Men's Wednesday studies will be in the Fellowship Hall for a 6:30 a.m. morning study and 11:45 p.m. lunch study. See details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Evangelism Interest Dinner** — June 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall A&B. Join us for a time to be motivated, challenged and encouraged to "Bring Them to Him." Register for dinner and nursery if needed at [briarwood.org/evangelism](http://briarwood.org/evangelism).

**Dedicate a Flag** — Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation will provide a flag on campus and the name of the dedicated will be listed in our Christianity in America Celebration service bulletin on July 2. Donate online at [briarwood.org/flag](http://briarwood.org/flag) by June 18.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — Our Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members begins June 7. It includes one Wednesday night class (June 7), one Saturday morning class (June 10) and one Sunday morning class (June 11). 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).

**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 Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center and Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Harry Lloyd Reeder III from the service on May 24.

## 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. For details, go to [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.” The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kevin Hurt. 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

**Local and Missions Prayer** — Pray God will grant Cindy and the Reeder family protection, direction, and courage. Pray for Foundations Early Learning and Family Center as they partner with families around the Fairfield community to support education and spiritual growth for both children and their parents. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Nancy Jernigan, Bart Kidd, Anne Stowe, Jenny Thornton, Gaston White, Denis Devane, Elizabeth Boyd

**We rejoice**—with Stephen and Sarah Boyd and Warren and Linda Smedley on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Elizabeth Claire, on May 19; and with Jordan and Julie Freeman on the birth of their daughter, Audrey, on May 22.

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Cindy Reeder, Jennifer Hay (Philip), Ike Reeder (Angie), Abby Leib (Ryan), Beth Thomas (Robert), Brianna, CJ, Mack Toomer, Kathryn Barrett and Anna Grace Hay, Virginia and Win Turpin, Matthias, Taylor and Mitchell Elizabeth Leib and family on the death of their husband, father, brother, and grandfather, Harry L. Reeder III, on May 18; to Yvonne Welch and family on the death of her mother, Lucille Sandifer, on May 19; to Beth Baker and family on the death of her son, James 'Jim' William Baker, on May 15; and to Sally, Leslie, and RJ Jennings, Ally McKinney and family on the death of their father-in-law and grandfather, Bob Jennings, Sr., on May 22.