



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, June 4, 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 24:7

All: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Prayer Medley”
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

(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Summer Choir)

Choral Introit

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn 66
Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymn 278

The Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 2:17–22

Leader: *And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.*

All: For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Leader: *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

All: In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

Praise the LORD! 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

"Psalm 145"

Shane Davis, Soloist

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"The Lord Almighty Reigns"

"Jesus, Only Jesus"

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 87

Exposition of God's Word

"Citizens of a Surprising City"

Psalm 87

Rev. Rob Looper

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

"When I Can Read My Title Clear?"

*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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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Daniel Cason

Welcome Ray Tucker

Call to Worship Psalm 41:13

All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“Come, People of the Risen King”*
“Only a Holy God”
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”*
Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture and Sermon Dr. Olan Stubbs

“God’s Plan”
Ephesians 1:1–14

Benediction*

Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Postlude

WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

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. We 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.

– The Briarwood Church Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

VBS Prayer Walk — All are invited today at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel to pray for VBS.

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. Email wlong@briarwood.org to sign up.

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.

Men's and Women's Summer Studies — Studies begin the week of June 11. 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. Men's Wednesday studies will be in the Fellowship Hall for a morning study at 6:30 a.m. and a lunch study at 11:45 a.m. See details and registration for lunches at 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.

Dedicate a Flag — Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each donation will provide a flag on campus and the name of the dedicated to be listed in our Christianity in America Celebration bulletin on July 2. Donate online at briarwood.org/flag by June 18.

Summer Evangelism Training — June 21–August 9. Join us as we have dinner, a brief lesson, and then go out to evangelize. For details go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

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.

Tithe Envelopes — If you wish to receive mailed tithing envelopes for the 3rd quarter, sign up online at briarwood.org/tithe-envelopes.

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; organization, and coordinating events for the two ministries. For additional information go to briarwood.org/employment.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School 2023 — Children's Ministry | June 5–9

VBS begins this week from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. It is free and open to both members and visitors. If you have not registered online, register your child in person Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall E&F. VBS Closing Ceremonies will take place Sunday, June 11 in the evening Worship Service.

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.

YBL Summer Kick-Off — Young Business Leaders | June 13

Come Tuesday, June 13 from 6:30–7:30 a.m. to the Samford University Regions Room to hear Dr. Mark Gignilliat speak on “Walking the Path of Courage.” For additional information and registration go to ybl.org/events.

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.” Register at 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.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Continue praying for Pastor Reeder's family. May they find comfort, protection, wisdom and courage throughout each day. Pray for John Blevins who is planting Christ Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tenn., as he seeks to disciple men and encourage them to participate in a Leadership Development class this Fall. Pray for the Lord to raise up men with conviction, courage, and reachability to answer the call to serve as elders and deacons.

Hospitalized — Diana Faulkner, Bart Kidd, Reed Risner, Pat Singletary, Anne Stowe, Risper Waseka

Our Love and Sympathy — to David Cahoon and family on the death of his mother, Katherine Cahoon, on May 23; and to Bud Gutteridge and family on the death of her husband, member Frank Gutteridge, on May 29.

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