



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 18, 2023

Worship Leaders

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 1:1–2

All: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“We Are God’s People”

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise. –adapted from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

(Women and Girls, please come forward for the Father’s Day Choir)

Hymn of Ascents*

“God of Our Fathers” Hymn 573

Special Ministry in Music

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn 2 (v. 1)

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn 88 (vv. 1, 4)

“Be Thou My Vision” Hymn 382 (vv. 1, 4)

Women and Girls Father’s Day Choir

The Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 5:25–33, selected

Leader: *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

All: “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery – but am talking about Christ and the church.

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

Musical Offering of Worship

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Hannah Brennan, Worship Assistant

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

Matthew 16:13–20

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Rob Pacienza
Senior Pastor, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church

"THE CHURCH: The Hope of the World"

Matthew 16:13–20

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Response*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"This Is My Father's World"

*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 Bryan Wintersteen

Call to Worship Psalm 5:7

All: But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house.
I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You.

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 Reverend Benny Parks

I. Colossians
The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ
“Church Health”
Colossians 1:1–8

Benediction*

Doxology*

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

Dedicate a Flag — Deadline is today to 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.

Women's Summer Fellowships — June 20–22. Women will gather in a host home in groups of ten for food, fellowship, and to hear from a “Mystery Guest.” For additional info or to sign up, go to briarwood.org/women.

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.

Communion Service — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, June 25 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Men's Summer Studies — Men's Wednesday studies on “Rediscovering Christian Disciplines” 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.

Women's Summer Studies — Women's Tuesday studies will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Nursery reservations can be made at briarwood.org/nursery. For additional details, go to briarwood.org/women.

Summer Mobilization Opportunities — Interested in getting involved in local missions? Email localmissions@briarwood.org or go to briarwood.org/mobilization to see a list of available opportunities.

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 2023 Media — Rewatch or listen to VBS music videos, missions videos, VBS skits, the Closing Ceremony, and more on the Briarwood App. On the App, go to “Media” – “Special Media Archive” – “VBS 2023.”

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Videographer — Briarwood Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time videographer who can shoot, edit and manage video projects. If interested, email your resume and video portfolio to Landon at lmckee@briarwood.org.

Hispanic Pastor — Briarwood Presbyterian Church is seeking a bilingual pastor to shepherd our Hispanic congregation. Candidate must be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to hmcdougall@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5404.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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! 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.

“In His Presence” — The Briarwood Ballet | July 14

Come worship with the Briarwood Ballet at the Barbara B. Barker Fine Arts Auditorium on July 14 at 7:00 p.m. as they present their annual contemporary showcase. Tickets go on sale June 19 at briarwood.org/ballet.

* 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 the session as they seek and receive God's direction during this time of transition for Briarwood. Pray for Dr. Tom Edwards and his staff at Hope Health Center. Praise the Lord that they are able to provide excellent, whole-person healthcare to a medically underserved community. Pray that they will continue to strengthen relationships with their patients and continue to point them to Christ. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Diana Faulkner, Bill Feist, Annie Hall, Lance Radbill, Anne Stowe, Bruce Dorrough, Jim Randal

We Rejoice — with Hudson and Sarah White on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth 'Ellie' Rose, on June 8; and with JC and Nina Ogden on the birth of their son, Luka Bishop, on May 30.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Wayne Curles and family on the death of his wife, member Anne Curles, on June 10; and to Laura Hyche and family on the death of her father, Johnnie Johnson, on June 11.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center were given in memory of John Hedlund from his funeral on Monday, June 12.

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