



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 25, 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

II Samuel 7:22

All: You are great, O LORD God. For there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
Hunter Goff, Organist

O gracious God, my heart is drawn out in thankfulness to You, for Your amazing grace and condescension to me in influences and assistances of Your Spirit, for special help in prayer, for the sweetness of Christian service, for the thoughts of arriving in heaven, for always sending me needful supplies, for raising me to new life when I am like one dead. Give me special grace to fit me for special services, and keep me calm and resigned at all times, humble and solemn and conformed to Your will. –adapted from The Valley of Vision

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

Choral Introit

"How Great Thou Art" Hymn 4 (vv. 1, 3, 4)
Ten-Minute Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"How Firm A Foundation" Hymn 275

The Confession of Truth*

Isaiah 40:28–31

Leader: *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.*

All: He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

*"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
"Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"*
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

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*†

II Corinthians 12:7-10

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Sandy Willson

"The Christian's Mysterious Power"
II Corinthians 12:7-10

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

"Lift High the Cross"

*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

Call to Worship Psalm 116:12–13

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Welcome Benny Youngblood

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise* *“In Christ Alone”*
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

General Assembly Report

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)”*
Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture and Preaching of the Word Reverend Jay Shaw

II. Colossians

The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ

“Paul’s Prayer for the Saints”

Colossians 1:9–14

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation* *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* Hymn 185 (vv. 1, 2)

Confession of Sin

Receiving of the Elements *“Were You There?”*
“Nearer My God to Thee”
Mikyung Park, Pianist

Hymn of Response* *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* Hymn 185 (v. 4)

Benediction*

Doxology*

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Summer Fellowships — July 18–20. 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.

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

Super Summer 2023 — 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.

10-Minute Choir — Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments through August 9. 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!

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.

Active Duty Military List — Update our Active Duty Military list of members and family members by providing us with name, rank, branch of service, and the relationship to you. All submissions must be made by July 14. Email Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Videographer — Briarwood Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time videographer who can shoot, edit and manage video projects. Email 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.

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

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

Come and celebrate America and hear from speaker Dr. Peter Lillback. Family music group, The Hoppers, will perform Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. 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 may be purchased at briarwood.org/ballet. Cost: \$10

YBL Summer Series Panel Discussion — Young Business Leaders | July 11

You are invited to attend the Young Business Leaders Summer Panel Discussion series “Courage at Home” at Samford’s Cooney Hall Regions Room at 6:30 a.m. Find additional details and register at ybl.org/events.

Impact Weekend — BYG (9th – 12th grades) | August 4–6

Join us for a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students’ houses. Come and allow the Lord to impact your life and learn how to have an impact on others! See briarwood.org/youth for registration and more information. Cost: \$75

Women’s Retreat — Briarwood Women | September 22–24

Ladies, join us for a time of rest, learning, and fellowship at our getaway retreat at Shocco Springs this September! Our speaker will be Lisa Looper and this year’s theme is Rest. Find details and register online at briarwood.org/women.

* 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 PCA and those who attended General Assembly. Pray for strong leadership development within the PCA for the coming generations of God’s people. Pray for all the new international students arriving in Birmingham this summer. Pray for opportunities for you and other believers to interact with them and show them biblical hospitality. Pray for God to prepare many of their hearts to hear and receive God’s Word and love. Please be in prayer about personally being a Friendship Partner to many of these students. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Pam Alexander, Ed Chan, Wayne Curles, Bill Feist, Anna Grace Johnson

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of John Edward Bennett and Donna Smothers Walker from the wedding of Amy Walker and John Bennett on June 24.

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