



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, July 2, 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 145:13

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"God Bless America"
Hunter Goff, Organist

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father, I confess and acknowledge that I am a sinner and guilty of treason against Your Holy Law, that I was conceived in sin and prone to do evil and that I have both offended You and rebelled against You. I have left undone those things I ought to have done, and have done those things which I ought not to have done. I am unable to save myself, O Lord, and acknowledge that salvation is of Your grace and mercy, so may you receive all the praise as is due Your holy name. For from You and unto You are all things; so unto You be glory forevermore. Amen. –from "Faith of Our Fathers"

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

Choral Introit

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" Hymn 571
Ten-Minute Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"America, the Beautiful" Hymn 572

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 67:1–4

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.*

All: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"Ancient of Days"

"Even So, Come"

Shane Davis, 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*

Old Testament Reading*†

Psalm 33:12

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Peter Lillback

President, Westminster Theological Seminary

"Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the Lord"

Psalm 33:12

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*

"God Bless America"

Postlude

"America, the Beautiful"

*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.



Christianity in America Rally

Come and celebrate America and hear from speaker Dr. Peter Lillback.
Family music group, The Hoppers, will perform.
Following the service, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn.

This service will not be live-streamed or available for online replay.

WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

We're delighted you are worshipping 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

Fourth of July — Church and school offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Super Summer 2023 — No Super Summer July 3–7. 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. Go to briarwood.org/supersummer.

Women's Summer Studies — No study on July 4. Women's Tuesday studies will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For additional details, go to briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Men's Summer Studies — No study on July 5. "Rediscovering Christian Disciplines" will be Wednesdays 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.

Summer Evangelism Training — No meeting on July 5. Join us June 21–August 9 for dinner, a brief lesson, and then going out to evangelize.

Working Women's Fellowship Dinner — Wednesday, July 12 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for dinner, fellowship and encouragement. Cost is \$7 at the door. Register at briarwood.org/women.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Begins August 27. This nine-month class for 4th–6th graders requires outside work for the student and parents. If your child is interested, email rmacoy@briarwood.org. There will only be twenty spots available.

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

Children's Sunday School Promotion — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2023–24 school year, let us know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall by emailing rmacoy@briarwood.org.

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.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in honor of our military men and women who serve our country.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Director of Counseling — Briarwood Presbyterian Church, PCA is seeking a Director of Counseling. An interested candidate should inquire with resume to pclaud@briarwood.org or for more information call 205-776-5282.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

“In His Presence” — Briarwood Ballet | July 14

Come worship with Briarwood Ballet at the Barbara B. Barker Fine Arts Auditorium on July 14 at 7:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at briarwood.org/ballet.

Friendship Partner Orientation — Briarwood International Outreach | August 2

Friendship Partners connects international college students to American individuals or families. If you are interested in learning more, email cbrown@briarwood.org.

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.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for protection and direction for our staff and congregation. Pray God will give us His plan for Briarwood’s future. Pray for Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Saltillo, Mississippi; First Presbyterian Church in Reform, Alabama; and Lincoln Memorial Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Tennessee, who are joining together for a Lampstand Spiritual Foundations retreat this Fall. Pray the Lord will lead these three congregations to a deeper walk with Him.

Hospitalized — Ed Chan, Wayne Curles, Josh Peters, Lindsay Reese, Priscilla Tester, Sharon Yancey, Linda Thompson

We Rejoice — with Wes and Kaitlin Schaeffer on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne, on June 21 and with grandparents John and Allison Bentley; and with David and Claire Roebuck on the birth of their daughter, Isla Jane, on June 25.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Nina Tarpley and family on the death of her mother, Teresa LoMonaco, on June 22; to Ken Barton and family on the death of his mother, Sherry Barton, on June 23.

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