



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 9, 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 145:5–6

Leader: *On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works,
I will meditate.*

All: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare
Your greatness.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Blessed Assurance”
Hunter Goff, Organist

O Lord, Whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed. I have not loved You with all my heart and soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done, and for the good I have left undone. But You, O Lord, are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy; there is forgiveness with You. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation Speak to me the words that I need, and let Your word abide with me until it has wrought in me Your holy will. Amen.

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

Choral Introit

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Hymn 97
Ten-Minute Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised” Hymn 87

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **Universal*

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

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

*"It Was Finished Upon That Cross"
"In Christ Alone"*

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*

Old Testament Reading*†

Genesis 44

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Kevin DeYoung
Senior Pastor of Christ Covenant Church, Charlotte, NC

*"What Is This That You Have Done?"
Genesis 44*

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 Affirmation*

"Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Nearer, My God to Thee"

*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 146:10

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“All Sufficient Merit”*
“Jesus, Messiah”
“Jesus Paid It All”
Shane Davis, Worship Leader

Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Offertory *“Oh, How He Loves You and Me”*
Aimee Weaver, Soloist

Scripture & Sermon Reverend Stephen King

III. Colossians
The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ
“Seeing Jesus”
Colossians 1:15–23

Benediction*

Doxology* John Haines

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

Working Women's Fellowship Dinner — July 12 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, engagement and encouragement from those with shared experiences. Cost: \$7 at the door. Register at 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.

Men's & Women's Summer Studies — Women's Tuesday studies meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For additional details, go to briarwood.org/women. Nursery by reservation at briarwood.org/nursery. Men's Wednesday studies on "Rediscovering Christian Disciplines" are 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 — June 21–August 9. Join us for dinner, a brief lesson, and then going out to evangelize. For more details, go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

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. Submissions must be made by July 14. Email Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org.

Communion Service — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday, July 16 in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received.

Friendship Partner Orientation — August 2. Connect with an international student through a cultural exchange. Email cbrown@briarwood.org to learn more.

Trailblazers Lunch with James Spann — Join us for lunch and meet James Spann on Tuesday, August 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For details, buy tickets online at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

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 are only twenty spots available.

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

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

YBL Small Group Coordinator — Work with director in discipleship initiatives among the 20-to-30-year-old demographic. Skills needed would be strong interpersonal skills and facilitate small groups. Contact Rob Genin at rgenin@briarwood.org or 205-776-5455.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Series Panel Discussion — Young Business Leaders | July 11 & August 2

You are invited to attend the Young Business Leaders Summer Panel Discussion series at Samford's Cooney Hall Regions Room at 6:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided. 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. as they present their annual contemporary showcase. Tickets may be purchased at briarwood.org/ballet. Cost: \$10

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

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

Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life | August 11-13

Come hear from speakers Rosaria Butterfield and Peter Jones at this year's Conference on Theology and Life. Additional information and registration details will be provided on the church website at briarwood.org/events.

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 Focus — Pray for the leaders in our church to trust Christ, grow in their knowledge of God and His Word, and devote their lives to following Him. Pray for Todd and Cindy Sproull serving the Lummi Nation in Washington. Praise the Lord for the successful women's retreat Cindy helped lead to equip women from 25 churches. Pray that God will bring volunteers to serve the Lummi community, especially those who are following Christ, for summer projects in July. (The Washington State flag is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Lindsay Reese, Coraline Wolfe

Our Love and Sympathy — to Melinda Burns and family on the death of her mother, Janet Morrow, on July 2; and to Paul House and family on the death of his father, Roy D. House, on July 2.

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