



**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 16, 2023

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## 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

## Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 22:27

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

## Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

Hunter Goff, Organist

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.*

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

## Choral Introit

*"And Can It Be?"* Hymn 203 (vv. 1, 4)

Ten-Minute Choir

## Invocation

## Sacrament of Baptism

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace and Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"Our Great Savior"* Hymn 89 (vv. 1, 5)

## 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 Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**

*"The Power of the Cross"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**New Testament Reading\*†**

Matthew 26:26–30

**Exposition of God's Word**

Reverend Benny Parks

*"The Family Meal"*

Matthew 26:26–30

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19*

**Hymn of Preparation\***

*"There Is a Redeemer"* Hymn 206 (vv. 1, 2)

**The Confession of Truth\***

I Corinthians 11:23–26

Leader: *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."*

All: In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Presentation of the Table**

**The Corporate Confession of Sin**

From Psalm 51

**Receiving of the Elements**

*"Communion Song"*  
Hannah Brennan, Soloist

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Response\***

*"There Is a Redeemer"* Hymn 206 (v. 3)

**Postlude**

*"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude** Daniel Cason

**Welcome** Michael Wichlan

**Call to Worship** Psalm 22:28

All: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*  
*“There Is One Gospel”*  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Offertory** *“Glorious Day!”*

**Scripture & Sermon** Ike Reeder

IV. Colossians

*The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ*

“Spoiler Alert! Mystery Revealed!”

Colossians 1:24–2:5

**Benediction\***

**Doxology\*** John Haines

**Postlude**

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\*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](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Briarwood Night at Birmingham Legion Soccer Match** — July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Protective Stadium. Come join us for a night of fun as we watch Birmingham Legion FC take on the Charleston Battery. Find game details and tickets at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.com).

**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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery is by reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/evangelism).

**Friendship Partner Orientation** — August 2. Connect with an international student through a cultural exchange. Email [cbrown@briarwood.org](mailto:cbrown@briarwood.org) to learn more.

**Trailblazers Lunch with James Spann** — Tuesday, August 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for lunch and meet James Spann. For details or to buy tickets online, go to [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**ESL Volunteers Needed** — Adults from over 15 nations come to learn English on Mondays and Wednesdays. We need volunteers for teaching, assisting, and hospitality. Volunteer Training is in early August. Contact Caroline at [cbrown@briarwood.org](mailto:cbrown@briarwood.org) to get involved.

**Summer Mobilization Opportunities** — Interested in getting involved in local missions? Email [localmissions@briarwood.org](mailto:localmissions@briarwood.org) or go to [briarwood.org/mobilization](http://briarwood.org/mobilization) to see a list of available opportunities.

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## EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

**Nursery Administrative Supervisor** — Full-time position supporting the nursery director with day-to-day needs, interacting with parents, and supporting nursery staff in the rooms. Contact Alison at [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5214 for more information.

See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Summer Series Panel Discussion — Young Business Leaders | 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](http://ybl.org/events).

### **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](http://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. This conference, held at Briarwood, is open to all who are interested in learning how they can exchange "Gospel Truths for a World of Lies." Find additional information and details at [briarwood.org/events](http://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](http://briarwood.org/women).

\* Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Local and Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for each of us to seek the Lord with all our hearts. Pray for Fabiana and Diego Silva Vidal with Campus Outreach in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Praise God they are finding favor with new students. Pray that their conversations with students will call attention to the inner hunger for happiness and show them the unique source of satisfaction for this hunger can be found only by faith in Jesus Christ. (The flag of Brazil is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Wayne Curles, Coraline Wolfe, Bruce Evans, James Robert Pate, Easton Lee, Susan Greenall, Terry Chase

**We rejoice with** — Matheus Teles and Darli Nuza on the birth of their son, Lucas, on July 10.

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Jerry Pierce and family on the death of his wife, member Barbara Pierce, on July 7; to Genar Reed and family on the death of her son, Carter Reed, on July 10; to Don Davis, Lisa, Davis and Walker Bunn on the death of their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Yvonne Davis, on July 9; and to Will, William and Naomi Clark on the death of their mother and grandmother, Diane Clark, on July 11.