



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 23, 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

*"I will tell of Your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:7

All: I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your righteous rules.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Hunter Goff, Organist

O Lord, 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, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

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

Choral Introit

"O For a Thousand Tongues" Hymn 76
Ten-Minute Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"We Come, O Christ, to You" Hymn 117

The Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 2:8–10

Leader: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

All: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

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

My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

Daniel Cason, Soloist

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Daniel Cason, Worship Leader

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

Luke 19:1–10

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. John Currie
Westminster Theological Seminary
Dean of Pastoral Theology

“The Savior of Big Sinners!”

Luke 19:1–10

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

“Doxology with Alleluias”

Postlude

“The Church's One Foundation”

*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 Max Bunn

Call to Worship Psalm 119:48

All: I will lift up my hands toward Your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on Your statutes.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“Behold Our God”*
“How Great (Psalm 145)”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“Worthy Worthy”*
Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture & Sermon Chad Escue

V. Colossians
The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ
“Empty Promises vs Fullness in Christ”
Colossians 2:6–15

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

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.

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 meet on Tuesday in the Chapel every week at 9:30 a.m. Go to briarwood.org/women. Reserve nursery 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 go out to evangelize. For more details, go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

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 — 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 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.

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 to get involved.

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.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

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.

FEATURED 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.

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 *

We are excited to have Rosaria Butterfield and Peter Jones at this year's conference. This will be an insightful time for 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.

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.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer Focus — Pray we will seek God first in all we say and do and be obedient to His word. Pray for Coby and Pamela McGinty serving in South Africa with MTW at the University of Cape Town. Pray for their Reach Out 2023 initiative from July 31 to August 6 as they meet new students and begin gospel conversations. Pray for their team's health, strength, and energy, and for students to be open to the gospel. (The flag of South Africa is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Lindsay Reese, John Thornton, Pam Alexander, Sharon Diercks

We rejoice — with Brandon and Anne Marie Runnels on the birth of their son, Randolph 'Randy' Henry, on July 13 and with grandparents Jim and Michelle Gewin.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Don Davis, Lisa, Davis and Walker Bunn, and family on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Yvonne Davis, on July 9; to Will Clark and family on the death of his mother, Diane Clark, on July 11; to Buffy Murphy and family on the death of her mother, Melvalene Murphy, on July 12; and to Mary Jo Hand and family on the death of her husband, member Bob Hand, on July 18.