



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 30, 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

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 9:1–2

Leader: *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.*

All: I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “Come Ye, Sinners, Poor and Needy” 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

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Hymn 477
Ten-Minute Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Immortal, Invisible” Hymn 25

The Confession of Truth*

Colossians 1:15–20

Leader: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

All: For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

Leader: *And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

All: And He is the Head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

Leader: *For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*

All: And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

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

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"You've Already Won"

Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"All I Have Is Christ"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

Hebrews 1:1-3

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Neil Stewart
Senior Pastor of Christ Covenant Church, ARP
Greensboro, North Carolina

"The Incomparable Christ"

Hebrews 1:1-3

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*†

"Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Daniel Cason

Welcome Michael Johnson

Call to Worship Psalm 17:15

All: As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; when I awake,
I shall be satisfied with Your likeness.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* Daniel Cason, Worship Leader

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Sydney Marvin, Soloist

Scripture & Sermon Joel Richards

VI. Colossians

The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ

“The Formula for Failure”

Colossians 2:16–23

Benediction*

Doxology* John Haines

Postlude

*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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Summer Studies — “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 — 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.

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir — Beginning Wednesday, August 17. Join the Choir each week in the Choir Room at 6:30 p.m. for practice. For info, go to signupforchoir.com. Contact Penny at pphilley@briarwood.org with any questions.

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. Training is in early August. Contact Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org to get involved.

Briarwood Soccer Registration — Soccer registration is open for boys and girls age 5–15. Register and find info at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205–776–5114. Registration deadline is Saturday, August 19.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Bob Hand from his funeral on Saturday, July 22.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Cameraman/Videographer — Cameraman/switch operator needed to work for the Sunday Worship Services and a Full-time Videographer to shoot, edit and manage video projects. If interested, email your resume to Landon at lmckee@briarwood.org.

Facilities Set-Up Assistant — Individual needed for 2nd shift facilities (Monday–Friday from 2:00–10:30 p.m.) assisting to set up/break down rooms. This position includes dental and health insurance. Contact Dale Keller at 205-776-5231, or dkeller@briarwood.org.

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.

Friendship Partner Orientation — Briarwood International Outreach | August 2

Friendship Partners connects international college students to American individuals or families. It is a wonderful cultural exchange as you build an ongoing relationship to be an effective witness for Christ. If you are interested, 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' homes. Come and allow the Lord to impact your life and learn how to have an impact on others!

Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life | August 11-13 *

We are excited to have Rosaria Butterfield and Peter Jones at this year's conference. Join us for this insightful time learning how to 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! 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 people of our nation to call upon the name of the Lord to be humbled to repentance. May He heal our land. Pray for our ESL classes and our connections with the Japanese community. As they begin to seek to know who Jesus is and what the Bible says, may God's word illuminate their hearts and minds and draw many to Himself. Pray the ESL volunteers and Japanese congregations will find love and wisdom from above as they minister to these seekers. (The flag of Japan is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Vic Clark, Wayne Curles, Lindsay Reese

Our Love and Sympathy — to Renee Graves and family on the death of her mother, Elsie Triantos, on July 21; to Steve Allgood, Allison and Patrick Shaw and family on the death of their sister and aunt, member Muriel Lyke, on July 24; and to Darlene Bond and family on the death of her father, Robert Sullivan, on July 25..

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