



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, August 6, 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 & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 37:39–40

All: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"We Are God's People"

O Great I am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. adapted from The Valley of Vision

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

Choral Introit

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" Hymn 479
Ten-Minute Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Lead On, O King Eternal" Hymn 483

The Confession of Truth*

Titus 2:11–14

Leader: *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,*

All: Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Leader: *Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

All: Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

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 & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship *"Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"*
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* Hymn 2

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*† Titus 3:1–8

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Ligon Duncan
Chancellor, Reformed Theological Seminary

"Be Ready for Every Good Deed"
Titus 3:1–8

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *"Doxology with Alleluias"*

Postlude *"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"*

*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 Saeyoung Park

Call to Worship Psalm 40:8

All: I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “My Hope Is in the Lord” Hymn 406
“All My Boast Is in Jesus”
“It Was Finished Upon that Cross”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory “O Great God”
Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture & Sermon Bruce Stallings

VII. Colossians
The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ
“The Formula for Sanctification”
Colossians 3:1–14

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

Roofing Project & Assisted/Valet Parking — Drop off for assisted parking today and next Sunday will be in front of Fellowship Hall E & F. Young families with children, please consider using parking lot A and entering at the Children's Auditorium. Your patience and prayers for the safety of all and a successful project are appreciated.

Men's Summer Studies — Final study, August 9. Men's studies on "Rediscovering Christian Disciplines" meet 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 register at briarwood.org/men.

Summer Evangelism Training — Final night, August 9. Join us for dinner, a brief lesson, and then go out to evangelize. For more information, go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Canned Food Drive — August 13. Collect your canned goods and non-perishable foods for our food drive to benefit Grace Klein Community. Leave your bags of food behind your vehicle to be picked up by the Mercy Ministry team during the Morning Worship Services.

Friendship Partner Orientation — August 15. Friendship Partners connects international college students to American individuals or families. It is a wonderful cultural exchange to build an ongoing relationship to be an effective witness for Christ. If you are interested, contact Caroline Brown at cbrown@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir — Beginning August 16. Join the Choir each Wednesday 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.

Briarwood Soccer — Register by August 19. Sign-ups are open for boys and girls ages 5–15 years old. Go to briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205-776-5114.

Become a Briarwood Member — August 23, 26 and 27. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Class. A luncheon will be held on September 10 for those who are joining. By attending these classes, you are not obligated to join. For more information or to sign up, email wlong@briarwood.org.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Beginning 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.

Lunch with James Spann — August 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Have lunch with the Briarwood Trailblazers and meet with James Spann. Contact Sharon Johnston at sjohnston@briarwood.org or buy tickets online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Youth Wednesday Nights — Beginning August 30. Students meet at 5:30 p.m. at The Barn for dinner. Raiders (7th–8th graders) meet 6:30–8:00 p.m. BYG (9th–12th graders) meet 7:00–8:30 p.m. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Adult Ballet Classes — September 11–November 15. Briarwood Ballet is offering 10-week sessions of adult classes for novices as well as those with dance experience. For information and to sign up, go to briarwood.org/balletclasses.

FEATURED EVENTS

Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life — Church Wide | 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.

Christian Education Convocation — Evening Worship Service | August 13 *

We are pleased to have our new Briarwood Christian School Superintendent, Mr. Gus Martin, as the speaker for our annual Christian Education Convocation on Sunday evening. A special time of dedication and prayer will be held for all Christian educators and the upcoming school year.

Evangelism Interest Dinner — Briarwood Evangelism | August 30 *

Join us for a time to be motivated, challenged and encouraged to “Bring Them to Him” August 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register for dinner and nursery if needed at briarwood.org/evangelism.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | September 6–November 8 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for our dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Contact Eric Reebals for more information at ereebals@briarwood.org.

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.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Rob Looper as he leads a Spiritual Foundations Retreat for New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Manning, South Carolina September 8–9. Pray for the Lord to lead this congregation to a deeper walk with Him and to commit to pursue revitalization in their church (The flag of South Carolina is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Easton Lee, Katherine Monroe, Wayne Curles, Lindsay Reese

We Rejoice — with Cory and Miller Hershey on the birth of their daughter, Susanna Grace, on July 25; with Josh and Ali Wheeler on the birth of their daughter, Esther Louise, on July 27; and with Shane and Jessica Davis on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Marie, on July 24 and with grandparents Duane and Nancy Pritchett.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Darlene Bond and family on the death of her father, Robert Sullivan, on July 25; and to Mark Green and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Green, on July 31.