



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 13, 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

*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 & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 11:4

All: The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"In Christ Alone"
Briarwood Orchestra

*Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts
vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my
infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy,
my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the
sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You
for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.*

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Holy! Holy! Holy!" Hymn 262

The Confession of Truth*

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Leader: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be
on your heart.

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

*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 & Consecration of God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

"My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)"
"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

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*†

Mark 12:28-31

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Peter Jones
Executive Director, truthXchange

"The Most Important Commandment"
Mark 12:28-31

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 Affirmation*

"Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Wonderful Word of Life"

*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

Christian Education Convocation Service – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude Daniel Cason

Welcome Bruce Stallings

Christian Education Convocation Ike Reeder

Call to Worship Psalm 1:1–3

Leader: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

All: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he
meditates day and night.

Leader: *He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit
in its season,*

All: and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”
“In Christ Alone”
“Be Thou My Vision”
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Recognition of Christian Educators

Prayer for Christian Educators Nathan Sasse

Offertory “Christ Be Magnified”
Hannah Brennan, Soloist

Message Gus Martin
Briarwood Christian School Superintendent

Prayer of Consecration

Doxology* John Haines

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Season of Prayer Meetings — Begins today at 5:15 p.m. in A-105. Our Church Family will gather each Sunday to pray together as we seek the Lord to lead us during this intermediate phase we are in. Email pclaud@briarwood.org with any questions.

Friendship Partner Orientation — August 15. Friendship Partners connects international college students to American individuals or families. It is a wonderful cultural exchange to be a witness for Christ. If you are interested, email 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.

MidWeek Dinner Volunteer Interest Lunch — August 23. Interested in serving Midweek dinner this fall? Come to lunch and visit with other volunteers to find out more. Contact Sherri Blahnik at sblahnik@briarwood.org or 205-776-5374 if interested.

Become a Briarwood Member — August 23, 26 and 27. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers Lunch with James Spann — August 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come have lunch and meet with James Spann. Purchase tickets in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/trailblazers. Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org with questions.

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.

Women's Fall Studies — Beginning September 5. Women, pick from eight available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Men's Fall Studies — Beginning September 11. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

BTS Fall Semester — September 5–December 15. Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a wide array of classes both online and in person this fall. To view the upcoming class schedule go to bts.education or call 205-776-5650 for information.

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

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FEATURED 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.

* 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 revival in our nation. Pray for Samy and Carol Foucachon with Mission Go in France. Pray for wisdom to find the best way to pursue and develop their ministry; means to share the Good News of redemption, restoration and transformation; and freedom to worship our Lord in spirit and truth. (The flag of France is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Lindsay Reese, Cynthia Serota, Brenda Gilbert, Pat Sawyer, Joel Wallace

We Rejoice —with Shane and Jessica Davis on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Marie, on July 24, with grandparents Matt and Michele Davis and Duane and Nancy Pritchett and great-grandparents Toby and Suzie Potter; and with Joel and Eszti Richards on the birth of their son, William Stephen, on August 6.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Mike Green and family on the death of his sister, Leigh Quinelly, on August 5; to Rebecca Lindsay and family on the death of her father, Kyle Leake, on August 6; and to Elizabeth Ray and family on the death of her sister, Wendy Elmore Orlando, on August 7.

Worship Center Flowers — This week’s flowers were given to the glory of God in memory of Wanda Bennett from Jim Bennett and Benny and Brenda Parks.