



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 20, 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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:27

All: Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on
Your wondrous works.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"O Word of God Incarnate"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

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. –from The Book of Common Worship

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"We Are God's People" Hymn 283

The Confession of Truth*

The Trinitarian Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe concerning God the Father?*

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe concerning Christ the Son?*

All: I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?*

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen. *universal

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

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 Tithes & Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"Worthy, Worthy"

Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

"All Sufficient Merit"

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

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

Mark 2:13–17

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Richard D. Phillips
Senior Minister, Second Presbyterian Church, PCA, Greenville, SC

"Friend of Sinners"
Mark 2:13–17

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

"Trust and Obey"

*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.

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| Prelude | Daniel Cason |
| Welcome | Saeyoung Park |
| Call to Worship | Psalm 119:20 |
| All: My soul is consumed with longing for Your rules at all times. | |
| Prayer of Invocation | |
| Songs of Praise* | <i>“Nothing But the Blood”</i> Hymn 195 <i>“All My Boast Is in Jesus”</i> <i>“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”</i> Shane Davis, Worship Assistant |
| Announcements | |
| Offertory Prayer | |
| Offertory | <i>“Glorious Day!”</i> Shane Davis, Worship Assistant |
| Scripture & Sermon | Jim Alexander |
| | VIII. Colossians: <i>The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ</i> “The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ Applied” Colossians 3:15–17 |
| 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

FEATURED EVENTS

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 6:30 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 each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. To see the full class listing and to make dinner reservations, go to briarwood.org/midweek.

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.

The Lampstand Conference — Church Revitalization | September 28–30

Hear from Thomas Hawkes, Sandy Willson, Rob Looper, John Currie, and Bryan Wintersteen at The Lampstand Conference on Church Health and Revitalization at Westminster Pres. Church in Lancaster, PA. Details at briarwood.org/lampstand.

* Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Stay up to date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for our Interim Pastor Search Committee as they seek God’s direction and for our congregation as we join in *Our Season of Prayer*.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for revival in our nation. Pray for The Aspire Movement ministry as they prepare for another school year. Pray for current and future mentors as they walk beside students, encouraging and training them to become leaders guided by Jesus. Pray more individuals will volunteer as their ministry seeks to reach more children with the Gospel. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Mabel Donaldson, Lindsay Reese, Pat Sawyer, Bebe Costner

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center and Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Brooke McGehee and Cole Hunt on Saturday, August 19.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Season of Prayer Meetings — Sundays at 5:15 p.m. in A-105. Our Church Family gathers weekly 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.

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.

Promotion Sunday for K4-6th Grades — August 27. Check your mailbox this week for a postcard with your child's new Sunday School class. Stop by the Ministries Lobby for donuts on Promotion Sunday before or after Sunday School!

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 grades) meet 6:30–8:00 p.m. BYG (9th–12th grades) meet 7:00–8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Kristin 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.

BTS Fall Semester — September 5–December 15. Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a wide array of classes this fall. To view the class schedule go to bts.education.

GriefShare MidWeek Class — Beginning September 6 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 13-week video/small group program that offers comfort and encouragement. Workbook \$20. Call 205-776-5227 for more info.

Counseling in the Local Church MidWeek Class — Beginning September 6 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in A201. For additional information, call 205-776-5281.

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.

Children's Choirs — Beginning September 10. Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet each Lord's Day evening during the worship hour at 6:00. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

DivorceCare MidWeek Class — Beginning September 13 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Join our 10-week video/small group program that offers comfort and encouragement. For additional information, call 205-776-5281.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly classes in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Thursday at 9:30–10:30 a.m. for chair assistance. Contact Brenda at brendabparks@gmail.com for information and registration.