



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 27, 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 119:105

All: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Be Thou My Vision"
Briarwood Orchestra

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." from Psalm 51

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"My Hope Is in the Lord" Hymn 406

The Confession of Truth*

Romans 12:1–2

Leader: *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

All: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"O What a Friend"
Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist

Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

"Before the Throne of God Above"

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*

Old Testament Reading*†

Daniel 1:1-8

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Nate Shurden
Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, PCA, Franklin, Tenn.

"Serving God in Babylon and Birmingham"

Daniel 1:1-8

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

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*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 Eric Reebals

Call to Worship Psalm 119:111

All: Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “His Mercy Is More”
“Jesus, Messiah”
Shane Davis, Worship Assistant

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory “Our Great God”
Shane Davis, Soloist

Scripture & Sermon Benny Youngblood

IX. Colossians:
The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ
“Clothed in Christ at Home and at Work”
Colossians 3:18–4:1

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

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.

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.

Communion Service — Sunday, September 3. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Church and School Offices Closed — Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

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.

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 p.m. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

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.

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 from 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. for seated or chair fitness. Contact Brenda at brendabparks@gmail.com for information and registration.

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. Go to briarwood.org/midweek to find information and register for dinners.

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.

Disaster Response Training — Church Mobilization | October 7

Join us Saturday, October 7 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. to learn how you can be a part of building a Disaster Response Team at Briarwood. We will receive training from MNA Regional Specialist Mike Kennamer on the many ways to get involved in serving those who are impacted by disaster. Get info and sign up at briarwood.org/disastertraining.

* Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood and Missions Prayer Focus — Continue to be in prayer for the decisions to be made in the selection of our intermediate pastor, as well as our permanent pastor. Pray for wisdom for those making these decisions. Pray for the international students who have just arrived in Birmingham. Pray for opportunities for them to make deep and lasting connections with Christians in the area, that they would have many opportunities to hear the Gospel, and that they would recognize the voice of their Savior and Lord. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Annie Hall, Bill Moulton, Lindsay Reese, Pat Sawyer, Rosine Feist

We rejoice — with Andy and Laura McRae on the birth of their son, Simmons Lee, on August 18, and grandparents Bob and Jodie Zachow and Gerald and Beth McRae.

Our Love and Sympathy – to the family of member Gayle Abernathy on her death on August 8; and to Marilyn Cook and family on the death of her sister, Linda Horn, on August 15.

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