



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, September 3, 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 25:6

All: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Awake, My Soul"
Hunter Goff and Denise Wichlan

Almighty and Holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of Your gift of salvation. I have not loved You as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts You have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by Your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" Hymn 9

The Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 2:13–16

Leader: *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

All: For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,

Leader: *that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,*

All: and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Hunter Goff

Welcome Jim Alexander

Call to Worship Psalm 22:26

All: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Adoration* “*And Can It Be?*” Trinity Hymnal (vv.1, 2, 4)

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Hunter Goff

Scripture & Sermon Saeyoung Park

X. Colossians:

The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ

“Prayer & Partnership for the Advancement of the Gospel”

Colossians 4:2–18

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation* “*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*” Hymn 193 (vv. 1, 3)

Corporate Confession of Sin from Psalm 51

Receiving of the Elements

Hymn of Response* “*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*” Hymn 193 (v. 2)

Benediction*

Doxology* John Haines

Postlude

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.

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 online and in-person classes this fall. To view the class schedule go to bts.education or call 205-776-5650.

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 at 6:15 p.m. Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet each Lord's Day evening during the worship hour. For more information, 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.

Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. This group is for adoption/foster families or others who want to support them, exists to ask, share, and support. Contact Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

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.

Trailblazers Lunch with Congressman Gary Palmer — September 24 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come have lunch and hear from Gary Palmer. Purchase tickets in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/trailblazers. Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Open Play Pickleball — Tuesdays from 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Come play free of charge. Church members may bring a guest. For information, call 205-776-5237 or visit questrecreation.org.

Flowers in the Worship Center — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Lindsay Reese from her funeral on August 30.

FEATURED EVENTS

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

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find information and register for dinners at 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 more details and register online at briarwood.org/women.

WBL Fall Luncheon — Women Business Leaders | October 5

Friday, October 5 from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Hear Julie Sparkman share about how to have “The Impact of Personal Transformation” in your workplace and the world. Find information and purchase tickets at wblbirmingham.org.

Disaster Response Training — Church Mobilization | October 7

Join us Saturday, October 7 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to receive training from Mission to North America (MNA) Regional Specialist Mike Kennamer on the many ways to get involved in providing comfort to those who are impacted by disaster. Get additional information and register 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 — Pray for our interim pastor search and for the protection and wisdom of the committee members. Pray for Bruce and Kathy McClenahan serving with Cru Jesus Film Project. Two years ago Cru leadership divided the world into seven regions. Bruce's team leads the Europe Region strategies including Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Russia, Armenia, and Israel. Pray for exciting, positive breakthroughs in effectively reaching the hardest places.

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Rosine Feist, Pat Sawyer, Rex Snyder, Mal Brown, Leigh McCarty, Jeff Graves

We rejoice — with Hank and Maddie Abbott on the birth of their son, Henry Charles 'Charlie' Jr., on August 15.

Our Love and Sympathy – to Pete Moore and family on the death of his sister, Vivian Littlefield, on August 22; to the family of member Lindsay Reese on her death on August 25; and to Jeff, Renee, Bunk and Jan Graves on the death of their son and nephew, David Graves, on August 29.

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