



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 24, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 148:13

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
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*

"Blessed Be the Name" Hymn 103

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And 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. 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
*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 Tithe & Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship *“Name of All Majesty”*
The Briarwood Choir and Orchestra

Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs *“In Christ Alone”*
“Creation Sings the Father’s Song”

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

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*† Genesis 45–50

Exposition of God’s Word Rev. Randy Pope
President, Life on Life Ministries

“Is God Sovereign?”
Genesis 45–50

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *“To God Be the Glory”* Hymn 66 v. 1

Postlude *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*



*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

Welcome

Stephen King

Call to Worship

Isaiah 46:9b, 10

All: For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,
declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet
done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'

Prayer of Invocation

Stephen King

Songs of Praise*

"Ancient of Days"
"The Lord Almighty Reigns"
Shane Davis, Worship Assistant

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Stephen King

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Rob Looper

II. Philippians: *Rejoicing in the Advancement of the Gospel*
"Some Practical Implications of Trusting the God Who Knows What He Is Doing."
Philippians 1:12–30

Benediction*

Doxology*

Daniel Cason

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

YBL Breakfast with Jeff Struecker — Friday, September 29 at 6:30 a.m. at Vestavia Country Club. Join us for a breakfast to hear from Army Ranger Jeff Struecker who became widely known for his part in the Battle of Mogadishu, Somalia, portrayed in the movie, *Blackhawk Down*. Register at ybl.org/events.

Briarwood Ballet “In His Presence” — Sunday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. The Briarwood Ballet will lead us in worship during the evening service. Go to briarwood.org/ballet.

Ladies Luncheon with Mary Beeke — Monday, October 2, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall E&F. Join us to hear speaker and Table Talk author Mary Beeke. For more information and to register visit briarwood.org/women. Nursery reservations are due by September 27 at briarwood.org/nursery. Lunch is free of charge.

WBL Fall Luncheon — Thursday, October 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Hear Julie Sparkman share about “The Impact of Personal Transformation” in your workplace and the world. Find information and purchase tickets at wblbirmingham.org.

Trailblazers Coffee and Learn — October 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear Registered Dietitian Amanda Bronner share about “Heart Healthy Eating.” Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org to sign up or for questions.

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.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes — Start collecting your items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Pack a shoe box with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child's life with the love of Jesus! Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be available in the ministries lobby beginning October 29.

Trailblazer OCC Packing Party — You can drop donations at the Membership Office or bring them with you to the Trailblazer Packing Party on Tuesday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Email sjohnston@briarwood.org for information.

Women's Fall Studies — 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 — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. 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.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Dinner is from 5:15–6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Register for dinners and nursery at briarwood.org/midweek.

Thrift Store Volunteers Needed — New Direction Thrift Store in Fairfield is open for business and seeking volunteers. Store hours are Tuesday–Friday from 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Call store manager Alan Russell at 205-915-7095 to get involved.

FEATURED EVENTS

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 many ways to get involved in providing comfort to those who are impacted by disaster. Get additional information and register at briarwood.org/disastertraining.

IMPACT Birmingham Day — Church Mobilization | October 21 *

Save Saturday morning, October 21 for Briarwood's first IMPACT Birmingham Day to start our National Ministry Conference. We are trusting the Lord that over 500 Briarwood members will volunteer to be mobilized in the Birmingham area. Be on the lookout for more details on how to sign up in the coming weeks.

National Missions Conference 2023 — Briarwood Missions | October 21–23 *

Join us Sunday, October 22 and Monday, October 23 to hear our speaker Dr. Eric Watkins from San Marcos, California and from various ministry partners during the Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday night. Nursery reservations are required for evening events. Find detail at briarwood.org/nmc.

* 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 God's leaders to stand firm and continue teaching His Word. Pray for the international adults that attend our weekly English classes—that they would know and experience the love of Christ in our church and during classes. Pray for those who are currently learning about Jesus to have their hearts fully open to embrace Jesus as their Savior. For those who are not interested, pray these ESL classes help stir up curiosity about the Lord. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Linda Askins, Shepherd Cawood, Terry Chase, Wayne Curles, Leigh McCarty, Bill Moulton, Debbie Plyler, Fred Yancey

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God from the vow renewal of Mary Alice Corcoran and Jason Amaral on September 23.

Welcome these new members — Steven and Amanda Ballenger; Chris, Candi and Victoria Campbell; Ryan Dougherty; John and Kathy Fish; Kaylee Jenkins; Barbara Kalehoff; Gus and Felicity Martin; Johnny Presley; Jack and Cindy Prickett; Katie Belle Raymond; Kassie Roberts; Tom and Lisa Shoupe; Cynthia Spruell; Jay and Becky Stefanek; Morgan Elizabeth Stroud; Danny Trummell; Molly Ward; Theodore Woo; Mark and Gail Woods; Patrick Younes; Janet Zimardo.

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