



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 – April 14, 2024

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Pastor

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 13:5-6

Leader: *I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.*

All: I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Ode to Joy"

Hunter Goff

Lord God Almighty, You have made known to me that my salvation is Christ's work, but to cleave to Him by faith is my work, and with this faith is the necessity of my daily repentance as a mourning for the sin which Christ by grace has removed. Continue, O God, to teach me that faith apprehends Christ's righteousness not only for the satisfaction of justice, but as unspotted evidence of Your love to me. Help me to make use of His work of salvation as the ground of peace, and of Your favor to, and acceptance of me the sinner, so that I may live always near the cross. –adapted from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Blessed Assurance" Hymn 345

The Confession of Truth*

James 1:2-4, 12

Leader: *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

All: Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Who at My Door Is Standing?"

Briarwood First & Second Service Choirs

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

"I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

"Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Matthew 14:22-33

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Storm at Sea"

Matthew 14:22-33

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Congregational Affirmation*

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

*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

Benny Youngblood

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1

All: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Come People of the Risen King”

“Worthy, Worthy”

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Mark Cushman

“Restored to Serve”

John 21:15–19

Congregational Meeting

Benediction*

Dave Matthews

Doxology*

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

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

“The Art of Discipleship” — MidWeek Class | April 17 and 24 *

Randy Pope will challenge us with the power of personal and intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth. Come each Wednesday in April at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register online at briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship.

IMPACT Birmingham Day — Church Mobilization | April 27 *

On the morning of April 27, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects including yard work, painting, distributing food, and repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! See the list of available projects and sign up at briarwood.org/impact.

Vacation Bible School 2024 — Children’s Ministry | June 3–7

VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Teen Helper registration will open in May. Register your child online at briarwood.org/vbs. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org for VBS volunteering or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for Dave Matthews as he retires as Associate Pastor at Briarwood. Thank the Lord for Dave and Betty’s 28 years of service and ministry through the Prayer Ministry, Trailblazers, Communications and Shepherding Team.

Missions Prayer Focus— Pray for Dony and Sharon St. Germain who work in evangelism and church planting in Haiti. Pray for the provision and safety of their believers and pastors who have had to find safety. The gang violence has escalated and brings rippling effects of suffering. Pray for their ministry to people forced out of their homes in need of food, housing and other basic items. (The flag of Haiti is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Kathleen Bunn, Denis Devane, Bill Feist, Windsu Kelly, Joe Morgan, Opal Oaks, Fred Yancey, Mike Felton, Shelle Henderson

Our love and sympathy — to Charlee, Evelyn and Daley Splawn and family on the death of their father and grandfather, William Hynson, on April 1; to Larry and George Childs and family on the death of their wife and mother, Julie Childs, on April 4; and to Marjorie Chan and family on the death of her mother, Mrs. Mou, on April 6.

We rejoice with — Andrew and Katie Russell on the birth of their son, Cannon Luke, on April 9 and with grandparents Leon and Kelly Chadwick.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Congregational Meeting — Tonight at 6:00 p.m. A congregational meeting has been called by the Session during the evening service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the call of Associate Pastor Dave Matthews. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall to express our love and appreciation to Dave and Betty for their 28 years of ministry.

WBL Lunch & Learn — Wednesday, April 17 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at Grace Church (971 Brookwood Village, 35209). Come to our Lunch & Learn with Amy Williams as we discuss walking confidently in the truths of God's Word. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Foster Hope/Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This group is for foster and adoptive parents, and anyone interested in fostering/adopting! Come for a time to be encouraged, equipping one another, and meeting with like-minded families. Email Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Become a Briarwood Member — April 24, 27 and 28. 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.

Food Drive — Sunday, April 28. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

YBL Chelsea Launch Party — Tuesday, April 30 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Station 31 Kitchen. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and learn how YBL can serve you and your friends in the Chelsea area! Go to ybl.org with any questions.

Camp Briarwood Testimonies Needed — Did Camp Briarwood change your life? Send us a 1–3 minute video sharing your experience. Be sure to end your video with the tagline "CAMP CHANGED MY LIFE!" Email video to campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

Graduate Information Needed — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form on the website. High school seniors go to briarwood.org/seniors. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

Pickleball — Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Also join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. No Sign up needed. Extra paddles available.

Pocket Change for the Needy — Deposit your pocket change in the wall containers around the church. The Executive Mercy Committee uses this change to distribute food monthly to those in need.

Job Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.