



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 21, 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 67:3–4

Leader: *Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!*

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Beautiful Savior"
Briarwood Orchestra

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.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Christ for the World We Sing" Trinity Hymnal

The Confession of Truth*

Acts 1:6–8

Leader: *So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority.*

All: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

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

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

"May the Peoples Praise You"

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 Old Testament Reading*†

Psalm 110

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Stafford Carson

"Understanding the Present Time"

Psalm 110

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation"

*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

Installation Service for Dr. Stafford Carson – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude	Mr. Hunter Goff
Welcome	Mr. Bruce Stallings
Call to Worship	Psalm 1:1–2
Leader: <i>Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;</i>	
All: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.	
Prayer of Invocation	
Songs of Praise*	<i>“Jesus Shall Reign”</i> Hymn 231 <i>“Rise Up, O Church of God”</i> Hymn 293 Dr. John Haines
Announcements	
Installation of Dr. Stafford Carson	Westminster Theological Seminary
Preaching of God’s Word	Dr. Stafford Carson Dr. Frank Barker Chair of Missions & Evangelism
	“The Spirit and Mission” Acts 2:1–21
Benediction*	Dr. Stafford Carson
Hymn of Consecration*	<i>“Macedonia”</i> Hymn 316 Dr. John Haines
Postlude	Mr. Hunter Goff

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

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.

Table for Five... Thousand! — Children's Choirs Concert | April 28 *

During evening worship on April 28, enjoy music and a dramatic presentation of the miracle of the loaves and fishes from the Briarwood Children's Choirs.

Worship Concert of Hope in Our Risen Lord — Music Concert | May 5 *

Worship together with us through a Concert of Hope featuring the Sanctuary and Youth Choirs and Orchestra on Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. A musical force of nearly 150 will lead as we praise God and take time to honor the memory of Pastor Harry Reeder. This concert will feature great classical choral works of Bach and Brahms as well as newer anthems of Dan Forrest and other composers.

Vacation Bible School 2024 — Children's Ministry | June 3-7

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

* 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 and Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for our church members who attended “The Art of Discipleship,” led by Randy Pope over the last couple of weeks. Pray that each of us will grow in spiritual depth and be impacted to share with others. Pray for the many Briarwood members who will participate in IMPACT Birmingham this Saturday, April 27. Pray that our presence will bring much needed encouragement, help, and care to our ministry partners around the city. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Kathleen Bunn, Charlie Cutcliffe, Fred Yancey

Our love and sympathy — to Charlie Hoke and family on the death of his mother, Julia May Hoke, on April 12; to Kellie Merwin and family on the death of her father, Max Grady Graham, on April 12; to the family of member Joe Morgan on his death on April 13; to the family of member Denis Devane on his death on April 14; to Ray Bronner and family on the death of his father, Ervin Bronner, on April 14; and to Nancy, Abbie and Will Mansfield, Christie McKinney and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Jennie Stone, on April 15.

Worship Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Carly Cline and John Neil Stanback on Saturday, April 20.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Officer Nominations – Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2027 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms will be available on May 1 at the various information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is May 31. Nominations will not be accepted after this date.

“The Art of Discipleship” — April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come for the final week to be challenged with the power of personal and intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth. Register at briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship.

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. Next 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.

YBL Medicare/Social Security Lunch — Thursday, May 2 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Hoover Country Club. You’re invited to a Q&A discussion with experienced financial advisors hosted by The Center, YBL and WBL. Register at ybl.org/Birmingham/events.

Trailblazer Coffee— Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us to hear Pat Goff and Ed Landers inform us about “Let’s Talk Technology in Plain English.” Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers or sjohnston@briarwood.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.

Thank you from Dave and Betty Matthews — We will never forget the love we felt from our Briarwood family last Sunday. Serving the Lord here has been an honor and the biggest blessing. It’s difficult to leave, but we have wonderful memories to take with us.

Job Opening: CMMA Field Staff/Men’s Discipleship — Full-time position assisting the Executive Director in discipleship of male graduate students at Health Professional schools in the Birmingham and surrounding area through small groups and one-on-one. Contact Mardon Day at mday@briarwood.org.

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.