



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 28, 2024

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## 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

*"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 55:22

All: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"We Come, O Christ, to You"* Hymn 117

## The Confession of Truth\*

1 Peter 2:19–21

Leader: *For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.*

All: For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

## 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

#### Musical Offering of Worship

*"How Great Thou Art"*  
Briarwood Choir and Orchestra

#### Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

*"The Power of the Cross"*  
*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

#### 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 16:13–25

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

*"To Know and Follow Jesus"*  
Matthew 16:13–25

#### 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\*

*"All for Jesus!"* Trinity Hymnal

### Pastoral Benediction\*

### Postlude

*"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"*

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\*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](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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## Preschool Choir Program:

**“Truth Trail”**

*“The B-I-B-L-E”*

*“The Bible Says It’s So”*

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

*“Doers of the Word”*

*“Truth Trail”*

Psalm 25 Recitation

Julia Shirley, director

## Children’s Choir Program:

**“Table for Five... Thousand!”**

*“My Boat Is Small”*

*“Jesus Is Coming”*

*“Come If You’re Weary”*

*“One Road”*

*“Excuses”*

*“Be As Humble As a Child”*

*“The Miracle”*

*“Bread of Life”*

*“Small Things”*

Shanna Phillips, director

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## WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

We’re delighted you are worshipping 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

### **National Day of Prayer — Prayer Ministry | May 2**

Commit to pray with others around the nation. You are invited to gather for a time of worship and prayer from 12:00–1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Rev. Dave Matthews will share a devotional. The Chapel will be open all day for prayer.

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

Worship through a Concert of Hope featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra on Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. A musical force of nearly 150 will lead as we praise God and honor Pastor Harry Reeder.

### **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. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) for VBS volunteering or [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) for VBS nursery volunteering. Registration for teen helpers will open May 1. Register your child online at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

### **More Than Conquerors — Counseling Training Conference | June 14–15**

Receive biblical counselor training to lead others to be “More than conquerors through Him who loved us.” This training is designed to be a time of renewal for individuals and couples. Find information and register at [briarwood.org/counseling](http://briarwood.org/counseling).

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Thank the Lord for the canned goods and non-perishables that were received today for the Daniel Cason Ministries. Pray the food distributed to those in need would allow them to see God's love for them. Commit to pray with others around the nation this Thursday on our National Day of Prayer. The Chapel will be open all day for prayer and we will engage in a time of worship and devotion at noon.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for Steven and Rita Williams in New Zealand who are part of the Island to Island (I2I) partnership in the Pacific Islands as they meet to develop a Statement of Faith and Charter, and as they consider plans for the coming year. Pray for clarity, unity, and future gatherings involving the island partners as they strive to better equip Christian leadership serving Christ and His church in the Pacific Islands. (The flag of New Zealand is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Kathleen Bunn, Opal Oaks

**We rejoice** — with Jim and Katherine McPhail on the birth of their daughter, Louise Claire, on April 10.

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# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

**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.

**YBL Medicare & Social Security Lunch** — Thursday, May 2 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Hoover Country Club. Come for a Q&A with experienced financial advisors hosted jointly by The Center, YBL and WBL. Register at [ybl.org/Birmingham/events](http://ybl.org/Birmingham/events).

**“The Nightingale and the Rose”** — May 11 at 2:30 & 7:00 p.m. and May 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Fine Arts Auditorium at the high school campus. Briarwood Ballet presents a story of honor, treason, and the sacrifice that reverses a curse and brings beauty from ashes. Buy tickets at [briarwood.org/balletevents](http://briarwood.org/balletevents).

**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](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**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](mailto:campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com).

**Summer Camp Employment** — Camp Briarwood counselor applications available at [campbriarwood.org](http://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](http://briarwood.org/seniors). College seniors go to [briarwood.org/college](http://briarwood.org/college).

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (200mg), antifungal cream and 1% hydrocortisone cream for the spring, summer and fall Dominican Republic mission trips. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

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

**Job Opening: Senior High Ministry Girl Staff** — Full-time person needed to minister to Senior High female students through personal ministry, programming, volunteer recruiting and development, discipling, counseling students, and assisting parents. This position reports to the Senior High Director and will minister alongside the senior high staff team. If interested, call 205-776-5269 or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@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](http://briarwood.org/employment).