



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 – May 5, 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 22:22

All: I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"I Shall Praise You Eternally"*  
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

*"O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my Substitute, and His righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, returning home a prodigal, crying, Father, forgive me, and You always bringing forth the best robe. May I never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the vast righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, and the exceeding wonder of grace." –from The Valley of Vision*

## Invocation

## Receiving of Youth Communicants (10:55)

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"And Can It Be?"* Trinity Hymnal

## The Confession of Truth\*

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Christians, what do you believe?*

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  
*Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a*

**Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings**

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs**      *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

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\*†**      Luke 18:9-14

**Exposition of God's Word**      Dr. Dan Doriani

*"Prayer, Pride, and Humility"*  
Luke 18:9-14

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

**Corporate Confession of Sin**      Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

All:      Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

**Receiving of the Elements**      *"There Is a Fountain"*  
Denise Wichlan & Hunter Goff

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\***      *"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"* Hymn 193

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Postlude**

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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WORSHIP CONCERT OF

**HOPE**

IN OUR

**RISEN LORD**

FEATURING THE BRIARWOOD SANCTUARY  
AND YOUTH CHOIRS AND ORCHESTRA

6:00 PM

**MAY 5, 2024**

*In Honor of Pastor Reeder, Cindy and the Reeder Family*

\*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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## FEATURED EVENTS

### **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, Cindy, and the Reeder family.

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

VBS will be June 3-7 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. Teen helper registration is open. Register your child online at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

### **Super Summer 2024 — Children's Ministry | June 10 - August 1**

Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to [briarwood.org/supersummer](http://briarwood.org/supersummer).

### **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** — Pray for the musical force of nearly 150 people singing and playing instruments in tonight's "Worship Concert of Hope in Our Risen Lord." Thank the Lord for our Sanctuary Choir and the Orchestra leading the church in worship to praise God.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for the relationships that have formed with international students involved in our Briarwood International Outreach ministry that are coming to a close. As students graduate and move back to their home countries or get jobs in other cities, we have to say goodbye. Pray for the relationships, despite distance, to last and gospel opportunities to occur before they leave. Pray that the gospel seeds that have been planted will come to fruition and many will ultimately trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Donnie Cantley, Walter Weingarten, Will Ratcliffe, Glenda Wood

**Our love and sympathy** — to Jean Fischer and family on the death of her husband, RJ Fischer, on April 28.

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# 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 are available at information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is May 31.

**“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).

**Summer Camp Employment** — Camp Briarwood Day Camp, Overnight Camp and Special Connections Day Camp need both male and female counselors. Contact the Camp office at 205-776-5237 or [quest@briarwood.com](mailto:quest@briarwood.com).

**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.

**Pickleball** — Tuesdays and the 2nd/4th Thursdays from 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Join us for open play. We have extra paddles. No sign up needed.

**Ladies’ Exercise Classes** — Weekly in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to [questrecreation.org/fitness-classes](http://questrecreation.org/fitness-classes) for details.

**Job Opening: Nursery Administrative Supervisor** — Energetic, organized, creative, God-fearing and children loving person needed. This position supports the director of the nursery with day-to-day needs, interacts with parents, and supports nursery staff who are working in the rooms. Contact Alison Craig at [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5214 for more information on hours, pay and responsibilities.

**Job Opening: Facilities Set-Up Assistant** — 1st shift facilities (Monday–Friday from 2:00–10:30 p.m.) assisting to set up/break down rooms. This position includes dental and health insurance. Contact Dale Keller at 205-776-5231, or [dkeller@briarwood.org](mailto:dkeller@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).