



**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 26, 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

*'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...'* Deuteronomy 4:10

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 119:12–13

Leader: *Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!*

All: With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"O Worship the King"*

Hunter Goff

*Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. – from The Book of Common Worship*

## Vocal Introit

Laura Elizabeth Looper

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"God of Our Fathers"* Hymn 573

## The Confession of Truth\*

Isaiah 40:28–31

Leader: *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.*

All: He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength.

Leader: *Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;*

All: But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

**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**

**The Offertory**

*"This Is How We Know What Love Is"*

Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\***

*"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"*

*"Ancient of Days"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**The New Testament Reading\*†**

Matthew 15:21–28

**Exposition of God's Word**

Jim Alexander

*"Desperate Faith"*

Matthew 15:21–28

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\***

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

**Postlude**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

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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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**Prelude** Daniel Cason

**Welcome** Michael Johnson

**Call to Worship** Psalm 117:1

All: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** *“All Sufficient Merit”*  
*“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”*  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** *“Though You Slay Me”*  
Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern, soloist

**Scripture & Sermon** Rob Genin

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”  
Luke 11:1–13

**Benediction\***

**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**

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## 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

### **BTS Summer Semester — Birmingham Theological Seminary | May 28 – August 9**

If you desire to fulfill God's calling in your life with accessible and affordable seminary options through a quality reformed theological education, you're going to love BTS. Learn how you can start your journey with BTS at [bts.education](https://bts.education).

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

All members and visitors are invited June 3–7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. VBS is free and t-shirts will be available for \$10. Email [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) to help with nursery. Register children and teen helpers by 5:00 p.m. on May 29 at [briarwood.org/vbs](https://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](https://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](https://briarwood.org/counseling).

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

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — On Memorial Day, remember and honor the men and women who served in our military and sacrificed so much for our nation. Pray for the families whose loved ones died serving our country to preserve our freedoms.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for Paul and Jackie who serve with World Outreach in Kyrgyzstan as they work to plant gospel-centered churches. Pray for wisdom in their conversations with people who might engage in church planting. Ask the Lord to send the right people for their planting team. (The flag of Kyrgyzstan is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Henry Drake, Bart Kidd, Anne Stowe, Jo Taylor, Gabrian Turner, Manuel Zuniga

**We Rejoice** — with Chadman and Ashley Ponter on the birth of their daughter, Nora Ann, on May 16, and with grandparents Jim and Cindy Belyeu.

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Barbra and Rachel Summers and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Jimmy Edwards, on May 20.

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# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Church and School Offices Closed** — Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday.

**Officer Nominations** — Deadline is Friday, May 31. 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.

**Dedicate a Flag** — Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation provides a flag on campus and the name of the dedication will be listed in our June 30 evening bulletin. Make dedications at [briarwood.org/flag](http://briarwood.org/flag) by June 16.

**Active-Duty Military** — Update our Active Duty Military list of members and family members so that we can pray for them. Provide us with name, rank, branch of service, and the relationship to you. Email Patti Claud at [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org).

**Ten-Minute Choir** — Beginning June 2. Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments. Meet in the choir loft 10 minutes before each service and return to your seat after the opening hymn. All are welcome; no experience needed!

**WBL Summer Series** — Beginning June 12. Every other Wednesday at noon at Grace Church. Join us for six lunch-hour studies on “Jesus Through the Eyes of Women” by Rebecca McLaughlin. Find details and register online at [bit.ly/wbl-summer-series](http://bit.ly/wbl-summer-series).

**Raiders and BYG Sunday Nights** — June 9 – July 28. Join us from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Barn for a time of fun, worship and teaching. We will hear from special speakers about God’s transforming work in their life. Find a schedule of speakers at [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth).

**Women’s Summer Bible Study** — June 11 – July 30. Join us this summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The study will focus on the “but God” passages where circumstances do not get the last word. Nursery is available with reservations.

**Summer Evangelism Training** — June 12 – August 7. Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner together and a lesson on how to share your faith in different contexts. We will split up with leaders and go out to share our faith. For details go to [briarwood.org/evangelism](http://briarwood.org/evangelism).

**Men’s Summer Study** — June 12 – August 21. Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be over-viewing Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation by Dan Doriani. See details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Women’s Summer Fellowships** — We will host small gatherings of women around the greater Birmingham area. Each gathering will have a “Mystery Guest” who will share their testimony. To find dates/times/locations and to register, visit [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Worship Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center foyer are given to the glory of God in memory of Frank Gutteridge by his wife, Bud. The cathedral arch used in the flower display was lovingly made by Frank for the Flower Guild Ministry.

**Job Opening: Nursery Welcome Desk Receptionist** — The Nursery is looking for an outgoing person to fill the welcome desk position that is on the Nursery hall. The position is 25 hours a week. Email Alison Craig at [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) for more details.