



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 – Ascension Sunday – May 12, 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 47:5-7

Leader: *God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"When I Can Read My Title Clear"*

Hunter Goff, Organist

*O Lord, unto You I lift my soul! I praise You that You have granted me mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Your perfect Son on my behalf at Calvary's cross. I come today with thanksgiving in my heart and praise upon my lips for the sustaining grace that You supply each day through the work of Your Holy Spirit in my life. Complete that work of redemption and sanctification, drawing me ever closer to my Savior. Grant to me a deep and abiding love for You, for Your Word, and for Your Church, that I might order my steps in a manner that pleases You and brings glory to You alone. Receive my praise this day as I offer it in Jesus' name, Amen.*

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Invocation

## Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

*(Men and boys please come forward at this time for the Mother's Day Chorus)*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymn 234*

## Special Ministry in Music

*"In Christ Alone"*

*"How Great Thou Art" Hymn 4*

*"Amazing Grace" Hymn 202*

*Men and Boys Mother's Day Chorus*

## **The Confession of Truth\***

Acts 1:8–11

Leader: *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.”*

All: And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

Leader: *And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,*

All: “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

### 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

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a*

### **Presentation & Consecration of God’s Tithe & Our Offerings**

#### **Musical Offering of Worship**

*“Jesus Paid It All” Hymn 210*

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

*...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27*

### **Prayer of Illumination\***

#### **The New Testament Reading\*†**

Matthew 26:1–16

#### **Exposition of God’s Word**

Dr. Phil Ryken

*“Something Beautiful for Jesus”*

Matthew 26:1–16

#### 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\***

*“Take My Life and Let It Be” Hymn 379*

#### **Postlude**

*“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”*

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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## Prelude

*“Amazing Grace”*

*“I Surrender All”*

Ethan & Sawyer Monasterio, piano duet

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1

All: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

## Prayer of Invocation

## Songs of Praise\*

*“I Set My Hope on Jesus”*

*“My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)”*

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

## Announcements

## Offertory Prayer

## Offertory

*“Sovereign Over Us”*

Shane Davis

## Scripture & Sermon

Chad Escue

*“The Spirit’s Unburdening Power”*

Galatians 5:25–6:5

## Benediction\*

## Doxology\*

## Postlude

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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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## FEATURED EVENTS

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

VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It's free and open to both members and visitors. We still need NINE shepherds—email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) to volunteer. To volunteer in the Nursery, email [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org). T-shirts will be available for \$10. Teen helper registration is open. Register your child 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** — Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of mothers and their love, guidance, and care. Pray for wisdom as they raise their children to love Him and to seek His heart. Pray for the Lord to bless our mothers with peace and love.

Pray for Cindy Reeder, Jennifer Hay, Ike Reeder, Abby Leib, Beth Thomas and the entire Reeder family as they honor the one year anniversary of Pastor Reeder being called Home to be with his Lord. Pray for our Pastors and staff as they shepherd and serve while personally processing this anniversary. Pray for one another as we together look back on the faithfulness of our Lord during this year without our Pastor. Pray for our Church as we move forward On Mission, On Message & In Ministry!

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for guidance and wisdom for the National Ministries Team as they move to finalize a list of partners to invite to the 2024 National Conference. Also, continue to pray for the family of 12-year ministry partner, R.J. Fischer, who passed away last week.

**Hospitalized** — Jo Taylor, Hoa Trummell

**Our love and sympathy** — to Jean Fischer and family on the death of her husband, RJ Fischer, on April 28; to the family of member Janice Hamil on her death on May 3; to Jackie VanderWoude and family on the death of her sister, Wanda Huizenga-Lenderink, on May 4; and to Hucks, Molly and Walker Buchanan, Hannah and Luke Hollis and family on the death of their father and grandfather, David Buchanan, on May 7.

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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.

**Briarwood Soccer Club Tryouts**— May 13–22. Tryouts will be May 13–15 for ages 12–18 and May 20–22 for ages 10–11. Register at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.com) or call 205-776-5114.

**Trailblazer Coffee** — Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. in G101. 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).

**Trailblazers Tour** — Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. Come tour the Barber Motorsports gardens by tram. No cost but spots are limited. Sign up at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**Young Couples Bowling Night** — May 17 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Vestavia Bowl. Come enjoy an evening of bowling and fun at the Young Couples Bowling Date Night. Cost \$25. No childcare will be provided. Contact Stephen King at 205-776-5186.

**BTS Summer Semester** — May 28–August 9. If you desire to fulfill God’s calling in your life with accessible and affordable seminary, you’re going to love BTS. Learn how you can start your journey with BTS at [bts.education](http://bts.education).

**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.

**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. 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. Find additional information and register at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**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).

**Church Parking & Entry** — See a newly updated map of parking lots with corresponding entrances for church entry on Sunday mornings and evenings at [briarwood.org/entry](http://briarwood.org/entry). Please note that several changes have been made to improve campus safety and security.

**Last Sunday’s Worship Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center were given to the glory of God from the wedding of Julie Silliman and William Scholten on May 4.

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

**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).