



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 – August 25, 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 103:13–14

All: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Praise God"

Briarwood Orchestra

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I 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 me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." from Psalm 51

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hymn 92

The Confession of Truth*

Deuteronomy 10:12–15

Leader: *And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you,*

All: But to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?

Leader: *Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.*

All: Yet the LORD set His heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

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

The Offertory

"O What a Friend"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
Elizabeth Jordan, Worship Assistant

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Lord, I Need You"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Luke 10:25-37

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Good Neighbor"
Luke 10:25-37

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

*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

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

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”
Caroline Tidmore, pianist

Welcome

Rob Genin, YBL Ministries Director

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:4

All: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare
Your mighty acts.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“In Christ Alone”
“His Mercy Is More”
“Our Great God”

Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Dan Doriani

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

“Diligent Discipleship Parenting”
Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Doxology*

John Haines, Worship Pastor

Benediction*

Postlude

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

Foster Parent Class Orientation — National Ministries | Tuesday, August 27

Lifeline Children's Services offers Foster Parent Training Classes (10 weeks at 6:00 p.m. in G101) that teach the state curriculum from a biblical perspective. Orientation is required to attend classes. Email cade.smith@lifelinechild.org with questions.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | September 4 – November 13 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for our dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Contact Eric Reebals for more information at ereebals@briarwood.org or sign up for dinners, nursery and classes at briarwood.org/midweek.

“God, Shed Your Grace” — Briarwood Ballet | September 19

Join the Ballet Exaltation and the Birmingham Boys Choir for a patriotic concert on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Go online to purchase tickets at briarwood.org/balletevents.

BTS Fall Semester — Church Wide | September 3 – December 13

Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a wide array of classes this fall. To view the class schedule and apply for admissions, go to bts.education.

* 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 Prayer Focus — Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Lord, help us to love, respect and honor one another in all our thoughts, words, and actions.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Foundations Early Learning and Family Center as they build a strong foundation of faith, learning, and growth for preschool aged children. Praise God for His provision of a new facility! Pray for all the renovations to be completed in time for the school year. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Jim Hollon, John Donaldson, Scott Graves, Jan Scruggs

We rejoice — with Graham and Hayley Travers on the birth of their son, Matthew Charles “Charlie,” on August 15, grandparents Mark and Darby Travers, great-grandparents Chuck and Alene Morgan; and with Shane and Jessica Davis on the birth of their daughter, Suzanne Olivia, on August 20, grandparents Matt and Michele Davis, Duane and Nancy Pritchett, great-grandparents Toby and Suzie Potter.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Phillip Wood and family on the death of his father, Phillip Wood, Sr., on August 15; to Cal Markert and family on the death of his father, Charles Paul Markert, on August 16; and to Annette Blake and family on the death of her sister, Amy Sue Sims, on August 17.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Congregational Meeting — Sunday, August 25 from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. In accordance with the Book of Church Order, the Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the Pulpit Committee.

Promotion Sunday for grades K4-6th grade — August 25. Postcards were mailed last week with your child's new Sunday School class. Stop by the Ministries Lobby for donuts this Sunday before or after Sunday School.

Women's Fall Studies — Beginning September 3. Women, pick from eight available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Youth Wednesday Nights — Beginning September 4. Students meet at 5:30 p.m. at The Barn for dinner. Raiders (7th–8th graders) meet 6:30–8:00 p.m. BYG (9th–12th graders) meet 7:00–8:30 p.m. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Children Wednesday Nights — Beginning September 4 at 6:30 p.m. Children K4–3rd grade will meet in the Children's Auditorium for CONNECT and 4th–6th grade in the Church Gym for IGNITE. Contact Jake Stallings at 205-776-5305.

Children's Choirs — Beginning September 8. Our preschool and elementary age children meet every Sunday for Children's Choirs during the evening worship hour at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

Youth Sunday Night D-Groups — Beginning September 8 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at The Barn. All 7th–12th graders are invited to come for discipleship groups with their peers. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Men's Fall Studies — Beginning September 9. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly classes in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. for seated or chair fitness. Contact Brenda at brendabparks@gmail.com for information and registration.

Friendship Partner Program — Impact the nations by welcoming internationals through Friendship Partners. Share a meal, introduce them to Birmingham, or take them out for coffee. It doesn't take much to begin a friendship that could have an eternal impact. Contact Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org for more information.

Job Opening: Senior Staff Administrative Assistant — Seeking a full-time administrative assistant for Briarwood's senior staff. Applicants need excellent communication and organizational skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office and previous experience as an executive assistant is preferred. Send résumés to Matt Moore at mmoore@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.