



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 – September 1, 2024

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I will thank You in the great congregation;  
in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 27:13–14

Leader: *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!*

All: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"I'll Be On My Way"*  
Hunter Goff, organist

*Almighty and Holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of Your gift of salvation. I have not loved You as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts You have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by Your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"The Solid Rock"* Hymn 404

## The Confession of Truth\*

The Apostles Creed

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**

**The Offertory**

*"Name of All Majesty"*  
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

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

*"Jerusalem" "Ancient of Days"*  
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

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

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**The Old Testament Reading\*†**

Psalm 131

**Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Russ Ramsey  
Christ Presbyterian Church, Cool Springs, Tennessee

*"The Gracious Gift of Limitations"*  
Psalm 131

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**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

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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**

*“10,000 Reasons”*  
Timothy Asbeck, pianist

**Welcome**

Eric Reebals, Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 27:8

All: You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to You,  
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\***

*“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”*  
*“Build My Life”*  
Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

*“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”*  
Connor Weide

**Scripture & Sermon**

Saeyoung Park, Singles Pastor

*“The Gift of Singleness?”*  
I Corinthians 7:6–9, 32–35

**Doxology\***

**Benediction\***

**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 Fall Semester | 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](http://bts.education).

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

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for dinners, nursery and classes at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://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](http://briarwood.org/balletevents).

### **IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 19**

Save the Date: On the morning of October 19, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects ranging from yard work, painting, distributing food to repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Information will be posted at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact).

\* 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 faculty of Birmingham Theological Seminary as they start the fall semester. Praise God for this seminary as it provides sound biblical and practical theological training to equip leaders for Christ’s Church.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for the new students who have just arrived for university study. Pray that they will make connections with Christians, be moved to visit churches, and for Jesus Christ to captivate their hearts as their Lord and Savior. Also pray for the Christians ministering to them in Birmingham to be Gospel minded, loving, and good listeners. (The flag of Iran is featured in today’s worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Jan Scruggs, Jim Phillips, Wendy Long, Pat Dortch, Leslie Cushman, Mary Sue McClurkin

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Susie, Summer, Michael, Susanna Joy and Matthew Schor and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Anne Stowe, on August 22; to Nathan Ivey and family on the death of his grandmother, Mildred Richards, on August 22; and to Susie, Summer, Michael, Susanna Joy and Matthew Schor and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Charles Lamar ‘Chuck’ Stowe, on August 26.

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# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Briarwood Pulpit Committee** — Be in prayer for the following members as they search for our next Senior Pastor: Stephanie Adcock, Billy Ball, Caroline Carlisle, Jim Carlson, Larkin Delk, Jeff Flannery Jr., Meredith Hamblen, John Livingston, Nathan Sasse, Sharon Slay, Ethan Tidmore, Bryan Word, and alternates: Glenn Draper and Kellie Stewart.

**Women's Fall Studies** — Beginning September 3. Women, pick from six available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://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) meets 6:30–8:00 p.m. BYG (9th–12th graders) meets 7:00–8:30 p.m. For information, contact Kristin Smith at [k.smith@briarwood.org](mailto: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.

**Lay-counseling MidWeek Class** — Starting this Wednesday, September 4 in A201 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Wanting to grow as a friend, ministry leader, or potential lay counselor? This class led by Dr. Greg Norfleet will help you walk alongside others with wisdom, love, and skill. Call 205-776-5281 with any questions.

**Children's Choirs** — Beginning September 8. Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet Sunday evenings during the worship hour at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:brendabparks@gmail.com) for information and registration.

**Children's SS Teachers** — We need help in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Contact Hannah Grace Walker at [hwalker@briarwood.org](mailto:hwalker@briarwood.org) to serve. Two K4 Sunday School teachers are also needed. Contact Raleigh Macoy to volunteer at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**Job Openings: Assistant to Director of Women Business Leaders** — This role will serve inward administratively and outward in ministry to women through small groups, event planning, social media and grant writing. Visit [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment) for complete position description and application information

**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).