



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 8, 2024

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 86:15

All: You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Briarwood Orchestra

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"We Come, O Christ, to You" Hymn 117

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 25:4–5, 8–10

Leader: *Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.*

All: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

Leader: *All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"And Can It Be?"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Before the Throne of God Above"

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*†

Luke 14:15-33

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Gospel: Free, but Costly"
Luke 14:15-33

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

"Trust and Obey"

*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 Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist

Welcome Rev. Stephen King, Young Couples Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 25:6–7

Leader: *Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.*

All: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“Christ Be Magnified”*
“His Glory and My Good”
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“Jesus, Strong and Kind”*

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani

Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues:
“Biblical Theology of Technology”

Doxology* Dr. 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

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | Though 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.

“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.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 19

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! Additional info will be posted at briarwood.org/impact.

National Ministries Conference 2024 — Briarwood Missions | October 20 & 21 *

Join us Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21 to hear our speaker H.B. Charles, Pastor at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida and from various ministry partners during the Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday night. Find additional details at briarwood.org/nmc.

* 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

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Psalm 98:1-2

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for our Children’s Choir ministry and the volunteers that encourage our children in worshipping God through music. Thank the Lord for the rich blessing of our children and may the music always be close to their hearts when they need it most.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for George with One Way Ministries. By using his gifts of technology, George reaches people in the middle east with online resources to connect them with local missionaries who can share Christ in closed countries. Pray for their lives and souls and for the protection of the secret believers that he is reaching in his ministry. (The flag of Jordan is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Jan Scruggs, Annie Hall

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Choirs — Tonight at 6:15 p.m. Our preschool and elementary age choirs meet during the Sunday evening worship. Contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

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.

Ballet Adult Class — September 9–November 18. This open-level adult class for 18 and older meets Mondays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. Details at briarwood.org/balletclasses.

Taste of Briarwood — September 22 in Fellowship Hall E&F following the 10:55 service. All visitors are invited for lunch to meet Dr. and Mrs. Doriani and learn more about Briarwood. Contact Patti at pclaud@briarwood.org for lunch and nursery reservations.

Portraits of Hope Exhibit — Tuesday, September 24 at the Beverly McNeil Gallery. Ladies, you are invited to the Portraits of Hope exhibit at the morning or evening reception. Go to briarwood.org/women for reception registration.

Women's Fall Studies — Women, pick from six available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery available by reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

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 brendabaparks@gmail.com for information and registration.

Threads of Hope — Wednesdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in A205. Women, you are invited to join Briarwood's knitting ministry. Experienced knitters to beginners are all welcome.

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

Children's Wednesday Nights — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 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 — Wednesdays in A201 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Grow as a friend, ministry leader, or potential lay counselor at this class led by Dr. Greg Norfleet to help walk alongside others with wisdom, love, and skill. Call 205-776-5281.

Children's SS Teachers — We need help in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Contact Hannah Grace Walker at hwalker@briarwood.org to serve. Two K4 Sunday School teachers are also needed. Contact Raleigh Macoy to volunteer at 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 for complete position description and application information.