



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 15, 2024

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

*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 42:1–2

All: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest.
adapted from The Valley of Vision*

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty” Hymn 61

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 139:7–10

Leader: *Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?*

All: If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

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

"Breath and Clay (Only Jesus)"
Audrey Jowers, Korey Cox, Alonza Jones, soloists
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Brass Ensemble

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

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 15:11-32

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Lost Sons"
Luke 15:11-32

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

*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

“Jesus, Messiah”
Sam Fievet, pianist

Welcome

Eric Reebals, Pastor of Discipleship and Evangelism

Vocal Introit

“Worthy, Worthy”
Laney Philley & Conner Stewart

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:34–37

Leader: *Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!*

All: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Matchless Name of Jesus”
“Come People of the Risen King”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Rev. Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Dan Doriani

“The Apostle Paul and the Saints of Corinth”
1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Congregational Affirmation*

“Now Thank We All Our God”
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Benediction*

Postlude

WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

We're delighted you are worshiping with us today. 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.

FEATURED EVENTS

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | Through 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 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

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for Ballet Exaltation and Birmingham Boys Choir as they present “God, Shed Your Grace” concert. Give thanks for our ballet ministry that offers quality classical ballet instruction within a Christ-centered environment.

Missions Prayer Focus — With the kick off of the school year, pray for the college campus ministries in Alabama as they reach out to students to share the gospel. Pray for leaders and staff preparing lessons and activities and for students to have open hearts to come to Christ. (The flag of Alabama is featured in today’s worship service.)

Hospitalized — Evelyn Clark, Mabel Donaldson, Sharon Penn, Barbara Shirley, Jerry Wilson, Debbie Lange, Craig Gilbert, Sarah Moseley, Jenny Thornton

Our love and sympathy — to Joy Moore and family on the death of her brother, Danny Morton, on September 8; to the family of member Sharon Mason on her death on September 8; and to the family of staff member Ed Landers on his death on September 9.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ROKU & Apple TV Apps — The Briarwood App is now available for download on ROKU, Apple TV, Google Play, and the Amazon Appstore. If you had our previous TV apps, you will need to install the new app. Search for Briarwood PCA and download for free.

Local Ministry Prayer Time – Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are invited to come and pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

Taste of Briarwood — September 22 in Fellowship Hall E & F following the 10:55 a.m. service. All visitors are invited to lunch with the Dorianis to learn more about Briarwood. Make reservations at pclaud@briarwood.org. Nursery will be provided upon request.

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.

Become a Briarwood Member — September 25, 28 and 29. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. Email to sign up at pclaud@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers Coffee — Monday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A. Bill Moulton, Briarwood member and author of "Agent 328: The Day It All Changed For Us," will share with us. Sign up at Briarwood.org/trailblazers or sjohnston@briarwood.org.

YBL Fall Breakfast — Thursday, October 3 from 6:30–7:45 a.m. at Vestavia Country Club. Terry Looper, retired CEO and founder of Texon LP, will share about his journey to becoming a wiser man and leader. Information and registration at bit.ly/YBLFallBreakfast.

WBL Faith & Work Luncheon — Wednesday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. at The Club. Stephanie Franklin, with over 25 years of expertise in non-profit/for-profit recruitment, will share her journey to a renewed mind through truth. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Men's Fall Studies — 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.

Women's Fall Studies — Six classes available that meet Monday–Thursday. See topics, teachers and details at briarwood.org/women. Reserve nursery at briarwood.org/nursery.

Adult Ballet Class — Mondays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. This class for women 18 and older is open level and meets until November 18. Information at briarwood.org/balletclasses.

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.

Children's Sunday Choirs — Children's Choirs (preschool/elementary age children) meet Sunday during the evening worship at 6:15 p.m. Contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

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.