



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 22, 2024

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## 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

*...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 139:23–24

All: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*“Jesus Christ, Incarnate”*

Josie Cox, viola

*Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Hymn 12*

## The Confession of Truth\*

Leviticus 20:26

All: You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9*

## Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

## Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5*

## Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

### The Offertory

*"Beauty of the Cross"*  
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

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

*"Build My Life"*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing  
one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*

### Prayer of Illumination\*

### The New Testament Reading\*†

James 1:19–27

### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

*"Religious Talk, Spiritual Reality"*

James 1:19–27

### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"All For Jesus"*

### Pastoral Benediction\*

### 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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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude** Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist

**Welcome** Bob McGregor, Membership Pastor

**Call to Worship** Psalm 103:20–22

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His Word, obeying the voice of His Word!*

All: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** *“Your Will Be Done”*  
*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* Hymn 2  
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory** *“Apostles’ Creed”*  
Hannah Brennan and Denise Wichlan

**Scripture & Sermon** Dr. Dan Doriani

*“One Church, One Hero, One Gospel”*  
1 Corinthians 1:10–17

**Hymn of Response\*** *“The Power of the Cross”*  
Hannah Brennan and Praise Team

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**

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## 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](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

### **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! Find details and register at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact).

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

Join us Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21 as we hear from speaker H.B. Charles, Pastor at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and our National Ministry Partners. Ministry Partners will share in Sunday Schools and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find details at [briarwood.org/nmc](http://briarwood.org/nmc).

\* 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 new Pulpit Committee as they begin their work to find our next Pastor. We are reminded of the words from Executive Pastor Bruce Stallings when he last addressed our church : “Ask the Lord to even now give you a love for our next Senior Pastor. We don’t know who that man is, but God does.”

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for David and Julie Choi with MTW in Sydney, Australia with Harbour City Church and the Island-to-Island partnership. Pray for a replacement pastor in Samoa, the Vanuatu church promoting unity and purity against the cult influence, and for Westminster PC National Assembly to be faithful and steadfast in growing their churches. *The flag of Australia is featured in today’s service.*

**Hospitalized** — Beth Baker, Jim Cofer, Marvin Keffer, Steve Smith, Joy Blazer

**Our love and sympathy** — to Ellen Russell and family on the death of her mother, Ann Adams Knowles, on September 9; to Linda, Hudson and Jenna Rose White and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Rosemary Lawson, on September 10; and to Virginia Saunders, John Donaldson, Margaret Whittenburg and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Mabel Donaldson, on September 17.

**Worship Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center and Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Mable Locke Donaldson from her funeral on September 20.



# 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.

**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](http://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 [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) to sign up.

**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](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**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. Register online at [bit.ly/YBLFallBreakfast](http://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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Women's Fall Studies** — Six classes available that meet Monday–Thursday. See topics, teachers, and details at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Reserve nursery at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://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](http://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 Opening: Briarwood International Outreach** — Position (25 hr) for Briarwood member with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, and a heart for internationals. Send resumes to [hmcdougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcdougall@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](http://briarwood.org/employment).