



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

Easter Sunday – Morning Services of Divine Worship – April 20, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior 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

Psalms 16:10–11

All: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.
You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Prelude & Time of Meditation and Confession

"When I Survey"

Briarwood Orchestra

*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. adapted from The Valley of Vision*

Choral & Congregational Introit

"Joy to the Heart"

Briarwood Choir, Orchestra & Congregation

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Resurrection*

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Hymn 217

The Confession of Truth*

1 Corinthians 15:1–7; 55, 57–58

Pastor: *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you
received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast
to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*

All: For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ
died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that
He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He
appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Pastor: *Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of
whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James,
then to all the apostles.*

All: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" But thanks be
to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Musical Offering of Worship

"Praise His Holy Name"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs*

"Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"

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*†

John 20:1–10

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"From Doubt to Faith"
John 20:1–10

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Day of Resurrection" Hymn 226

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

Resurrection Evening Worship Recital – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalms 149:1–2

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!*

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Resurrection*

“Alleluia! Alleluia!” Hymn 215

Worship Recital

Worship & Music Staff & Directors

Homily

Rev. Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

Hymn of Response

“He Lives” Hymn 220

Benediction

Postlude

Mr. Hunter Goff

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

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 26 *

Registration for IMPACT Birmingham projects closes today. On April 26, we will work together on a wide range of projects to support several of our local ministries. Sign up on the Briarwood App or at briarwood.org/impact to serve as the body of Christ.

National Day of Prayer — Prayer Service | May 1

All are invited to pray for the nation at the National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 1 in the Chapel from noon–1:00 p.m. The Prayer Room will be open all day for prayer.

Spring Music Concert — Evening Worship | May 4

Join us for “Hope in Christ!” on Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. This musical offering of worship will feature inspiring works from Mozart’s “Coronation Mass” along with scriptures, anthems, and hymns all centered on the gospel message.

Men’s Masterclass Saturday — Men of the Covenant | May 17

Come learn a hobby and enjoy fellowship on Saturday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m.–noon in the Fellowship Hall. Registration is required but the event is free! We will focus on fun, food, and fellowship with men of all ages—Fathers, bring your sons! Find additional information and register at briarwood.org/men.

* 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

Hallelujah! *He is not here, for He is risen. Matthew 28:6*

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for all those who have come to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus this Easter Sunday. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to believe that God will exceed their expectations and do more than they could ask or imagine in finding our next Senior Pastor. May this new shepherd lead future generations to the glory of God.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the children’s ministry team on their short-term mission trip to Kenya, Africa, April 21–27 to work in the Tenwek hospitals and clinics. Our children’s team will work with ministry partners there to show the love of Christ through medical care and share the gospel to medical staff and children.

Hospitalized — Marsha Anders, Bill Feist, Sarah Frances Wilson, Peggy Adams

We rejoice — with Nathan and Christian Terrell on the birth of their son, William David, on April 8; and with Cory and Miller Hershey on the birth of their son, Franklin Charles, on April 9.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Bookstore Easter Hours — The Bookstore is open today from 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Become a Briarwood Member — April 23, 26 and 27. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Class. Attending does not obligate you to join. To sign up, call 205-776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

CMMA Human Trafficking Seminar — Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Healthcare providers are invited to hear from an expert in the field on how to identify victims of human trafficking. Register at cmmauab.org/ministry-activities.

Canned Food Drive — Sunday, April 27. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

Officer Nominations — Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2028 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of April. Online submissions will be accepted through April 30 at briarwood.org/nominations. For more information, contact Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

Communion Service — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, May 4 in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

VBS 2025 — June 2–6. Registration is now open for children attending and teen helpers at briarwood.org/vbs. We need 125 more volunteers! To volunteer, email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery classroom shepherds are also needed. Contact Sarah at 205-776-5214 or ssewart@briarwood.org.

Graduate Information Needed — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form at briarwood.org/seniors.

Briarwood Audio/Video Team — Worship God and serve the church by contributing your talents to the Sunday AV Team. Tasks include running worship slides, operating live-stream cameras, and more. If you are interested, email lmckee@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: YBL 2nd Half Director — Part-time position focuses on equipping men (50–75 years old) moving into new work roles and retirement, launching/training small groups, mentoring and outreach efforts. Job description at briarwood.org/employment.

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.

Welcome these new members — Ed & Dee Anderson, Judy Belcher, Sam & Mims Bicking, Beatriz Cardoso, Luis & Sofia Castellanos, Tucker Edwards, Jon & Buffy Gehring, Gage Horton, Chigozie Ifedili, Eddie & Carol Lee, Joseph Matsiko, Brenda Meldrum, Annie Mure, Emily Quinn, Victor & Meghan Roy, Austin & Hannah Ryals, Lynn Smith, Aiden Swanson, Hannah Grace Walker, Hannah Brunson, Hudson Bunn, Rylan Glasgow, Margaret Brennan Holley, Tommy Horner, Carley Newman, Sam Oberding, Selah Powell, Stella Silvey, Julia Thompson.