



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 – April 27, 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

Psalm 47:8

All: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

Choral Introit

"We Are Not Alone"

Chamber Ensemble & Youth Choir
Tom Horner; Chris Neugent Directors

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 228

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 72:1–2, 11–13, 18–19

Pastor: *Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!*

All: May all kings fall down before Him, all nations serve Him! For He delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Pastor: *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.*

All: Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

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 Offertory

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Before the Throne of God"

"Speak, O Lord"

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

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*†

Romans 13:1–7

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Authority"

Romans 13:1–7

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*

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" Hymn 241

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

Welcome

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Prayer of Invocation

Preschool Choir Program

Children's Choirs Presents

“The Sailor’s Bible”

“The Forty Minute Tour”

The Story of Noah and the Flood

“Do What You Gotta Do”

“When Life is a Zoo”

“The Promise”

The Story of Jonah and the Great Fish

“No Way, Not Me”

“Jonah’s Prayer”

“Nineveh Repents”

The Story of Paul’s Shipwreck

“Good News”

“Paul’s Shipwreck”

“Romans 8”

“Good News Reprise”

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

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 pm. The Prayer Room will be open all day to pray.

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 a time of fellowship on Saturday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 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! See the list of fellowship activities and register online at briarwood.org/men.

VBS 2025 — K5 – 6th Graders | June 2–6

Vacation Bible School will be June 2–6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Register your child or sign up as a volunteer online at briarwood.org/vbs.

Super Summer 2025 — Children’s Ministry | June 9 – July 31

Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to briarwood.org/supersummer.

* 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 our church family to be encouraged and strengthened in Christ as we come together today to worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. Pray for Dr. Doriani as he preaches the Word of God to us. Praise the Lord as we patiently await the calling of our next Senior Pastor, knowing He will bring the good news of salvation to His people. (Psalm 98:1-2)

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for ministry partner Grace House as they care for 40 girls in foster homes. They need women mentors, meal providers, and Bible study leaders; and men for grounds care and projects. Pray these girls encounter God’s deep love and healing through every part of this ministry. *The flag of Birmingham is featured in today’s service.*

Hospitalized — Marsha Anders, Bruce Bush, Bill Feist, Don Weaver, Lynn Thompson

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Book Signing — Sunday, April 27. Dr. Doriani will be available to sign copies of his latest book release, *The Death of the Deadly Sins: Embracing the Virtues That Transform Lives*, in the Briarwood Bookstore from 9:20–9:45 a.m.

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.

Briarwood Ballet: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe — May 10 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and May 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium at Briarwood Christian High School. Come join us in the magical land of Narnia as the Briarwood Ballet brings this timeless tale to life! Tickets are available at briarwood.org/ballet.

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.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting ibuprofen (200mg) and Tylenol (500mg) for May Mission Trips. Donations can be left in the CMMA box in the Mailroom. Email cmmaadmin@briarwood.org with any questions.

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

VBS Volunteers Needed — We need 125 more volunteers including teen helpers! Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery classroom shepherds are also needed. Contact Sarah at ssewart@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

Holy Week 2025 Sermons & Messages — Did you miss any of Briarwood's Holy Week sermons or messages? Watch or listen on the Briarwood App. On the App, go to: Media – Special Media Archive – Holy Week 2025.

Job Opening: AV / Media Specialist — Full-time position to support the Briarwood AV Department. Audio mixing and production experience is required. Send your resume to Landon McKee at lmckee@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Church Administrator — Briarwood is seeking a full-time Church Administrator who will oversee all financial, operational, and personnel matters affecting the church, staff, and members. Send your resume to lreese@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Nursery Administrative Supervisor — Part-time position to support the Director with daily needs, interact with parents, and to help manage staff. Contact Sarah Stewart at ssewart@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214 for more 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.