



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 – May 4, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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 51:15–17

Pastor: *O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*

All: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God,
You will not despise.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"This Is My Father's World"

Briarwood Orchestra

*"O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my Substitute, and His righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, returning home a prodigal, crying, Father, forgive me, and You always bringing forth the best robe. May I never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the vast righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, and the exceeding wonder of grace."
—from The Valley of Vision*

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of Communicants (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"My Hope Is in the Lord" Hymn 406

The Confession of Truth*

Matthew 22:37–40

All: "You shall love the *LORD* your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Presentation Honoring Pastor Harry Lloyd Reeder III

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God)

Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra; Audrey Jowers, soloist

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"The Power of the Cross"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Romans 13:8-14

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Love Fulfills the Law"

Romans 13:8-14

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Preparation*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 185

Presentation of the Table

Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 51

Receiving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 185

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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



*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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FEATURED EVENTS

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

For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness. Psalm 26:3

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray that the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is clearly heard at tonight's Spring Worship Concert "Hope in our Risen Lord." Give thanks for all who are in the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra who will lead us in worship. Praise the Lord for His steadfast love toward our church! Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee as they seek God's presence and continued direction. (Psalm 26:3)

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the women's ministry team traveling to Athens, Greece May 2–10. They will primarily work with the House Damaris, a safe house for women and children founded by Argyris and Dina Petrou. They will also assist and encourage our other ministry partners and church planters: Mark and Anastasia Petrou, Eric and Hara Petrou, and George and Phaedra Tolias. *The flag of Greece is featured in today's service.*

Hospitalized — Steve Greenall, Austin Johnson, Don Weaver, Linda Cobb, Lowell Bonds, Mary Jo Hand, Mike Taylor, Mary Lunsford

Our love and sympathy — to Steven Ballenger and family on the death of his mother, Phyllis Holland, on April 28; and to Sydney Murphy and family on the death of her grandfather, Lowell Lytle, on April 28.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Trailblazers Tour — Wednesday May 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Barber Motorsports. Join us to tour Barber Gardens with lunch to follow at Saw's Grand River BBQ following the tour (on your own). Free but space is limited! Register at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Briarwood Ballet presents: 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. 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.

Briarwood Soccer Club Tryouts — Tryouts for ages 12–18 will be May 12–14. Tryouts for ages 10–11 will be May 19–21. Register and find information at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205-776-5114.

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.

Summer Soccer Camp — June 9–13. All players ages 7–14 are welcome. Cost is \$140. Details and registration at briarwoodsoccer.com or 205-776-5114.

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 75 more adult volunteers and 55 more teen helpers! Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery classroom shepherds are also needed. Contact Sarah at sstewart@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

Pickleball — Tuesdays and 2nd/4th Thursdays from 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Join us for open play. We have extra paddles if you don't have one. No sign up needed.

Job Opening: Young Couples Pastor — Seeking a pastor for our young couples. Candidate must have leadership skills, shepherding gifts and management skills as well as PCA ordained or ordainable. Send resume to pclaud@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5282.

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. If interested, send your resume to lreese@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.