



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 11, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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

O Lord, unto You I lift my soul! I praise You that You have granted me mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Your perfect Son on my behalf at Calvary's cross. I come today with thanksgiving in my heart and praise upon my lips for the sustaining grace that You supply each day through the work of Your Holy Spirit in my life. Complete that work of redemption and sanctification, drawing me ever closer to my Savior. Grant to me a deep and abiding love for You, for Your Word, and for Your Church, that I might order my steps in a manner that pleases You and brings glory to You alone. Receive my praise this day as I offer it in Jesus' name, Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Men and boys please come forward at this time for the Mother's Day Chorus.

Hymn of Ascents*

"And Can It Be?" Trinity Hymnal

Special Ministry in Music

"In Christ Alone"

"How Great Thou Art" Hymn 4

"Amazing Grace" Hymn 202

Men and Boys Mother's Day Chorus

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 119: 9–12, 18, 37

Pastor: *How can a young man keep his way pure?*

All: By guarding it according to Your Word. With my whole heart I seek You;
let me not wander from Your commandments! I have stored up Your Word
in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord;
teach me Your statutes!

Pastor: *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.*

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

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

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Hymn 364
Hunter Goff, soloist

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 14:1–12

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Getting Along with Everyone without Going Along with Everything"
Romans 14:1–12

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

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.

Texts used with permission granted through CCLI License agreement 124545.

Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version.

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

“I Surrender All”

Ethan & Sawyer Monasterio, pianists

Welcome

Rev. Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:4–5

All: You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways
may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Run And Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)”

“My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”

“My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)”

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

Shane Davis

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Dan Doriani

“The Words of a Wise Woman”

1 Samuel 25

Doxology*

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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

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

My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord. Psalm 26:12

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of mothers and their love, guidance, and care. Pray for wisdom as they raise their children to love Him and to seek His heart. May the Lord bless them with the strength to face the challenges of motherhood and the joy of knowing that You are always with them. (Psalm 26:12)

Pray for the man and his family whom God has called to shepherd our church. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee as they trust God for guidance and wisdom. (Psalm 26:3)

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for relationships with international students to continue even as some will graduate and move back to their home countries or others get jobs in other cities. May these friendships continue despite distance. Pray for gospel opportunities to occur and for God to draw many to Himself through Friendship Partner relationships and One-on-One Bible Reading. *The flag of Sri Lanka is featured in today's service.*

Hospitalized — Bruce Parsons, Bill Feist, Jo Taylor, Mary Jo Hand, Austin Johnson, Sharon Huffstutler, Paul Bankston, Jean Chase, Sharon Head

Our love and sympathy — to Debbie, Drew and Jared Plyler on the death of their mother and grandmother, Catherine Sandy, on April 29; to Phyllis Weaver and family on the death of her husband, member Don Weaver, on May 3; and to family and friends of member Carol Graves on her death on May 5.

email: info@briarwood.org — website: briarwood.org
2200 Briarwood Way — Birmingham, Alabama 35243 — 205-776-5200

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

VBS Prep Day — Tuesday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall F. VBS volunteers, drop-in to pick up your t-shirt, manual, yard sign, and other information.

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. Register and find details at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205-776-5114.

VBS Volunteers Needed — We need 25 more adult volunteers (classroom shepherds, greeters, floaters, and prayer team) and 40 more teen helpers! Email [Raleigh Macoy](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery classroom shepherds are also needed. Contact Sarah at ssewart@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

Camp Briarwood Summer Employment — Camp Briarwood 2025 counselor applications are available at campbriarwood.org.

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.

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 signup needed.

Job Opening: Maintenance/Custodial Manager — Candidate should possess strong knowledge in organization, HVAC, electrical, and carpentry. This position is full-time salaried with benefits. Contact Steve Goebel at 205-776-5230 or sgoebel@briarwood.org.

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.