



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

Ascension Sunday – May 25, 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 47:5–7

Pastor: *God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"God of Our Fathers"

Hunter Goff, organist

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. – from The Book of Common Worship

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymn 234

The Confession of Truth*

Acts 1:8–11

Pastor: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

All: And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

Pastor: *And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,*

All: *"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

Pulpit Committee Update

Billy Ball, Chairman

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

"The Matchless Name of Jesus"
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Who Is Like the Lord?"
"Behold Our God"

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*†

Mark 4:35–41

Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Saeyoung Park, Singles Ministry Pastor

"God in the Boat"
Mark 4:35–41

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.

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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Steven Willing

Welcome

Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastor of Pastoral Care

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Pastor: *Praise the Lord!*

All: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!
Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent
greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!
Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!
Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Scripture & Sermon

Rev. Stephen King, Young Couples Pastor

“The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend?”
1 Samuel 29 & 31

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

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 and is free and open to members and visitors. Register and purchase a shirt at briarwood.org/vbs. Come back for the VBS Celebration evening service on Sunday, June 8.

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.

Created for a Purpose — Children's Ministry | July 21–25

Created For A Purpose is a 5-day program that teaches 3rd–8th grade girls that they are masterpieces created by God with unique purposes! Each day of this summer camp is packed with hands-on activities and Biblical teaching. Learn more and sign up online at briarwood.org/createdforapurpose.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — On Memorial Day, remember and honor the men and women who served in our military and sacrificed so much for our nation. Pray for the families whose loved ones died serving our country to preserve our freedoms. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness as the Pulpit Search Committee continues its work. Please pray as in Habakkuk 2:14 that our next Lead Pastor will continue the work to expand God's kingdom and His will be done throughout the world.

Missions Prayer Focus — Please pray for Campus Outreach Ministries and their leaders on college campuses across the United States. Numerous colleges have seen significant responses to gospel sharing and discipleship among students. Pray for these students as they enter summer break.

Hospitalized — Vern Betsch, Mary Brackin, Jean Chase, Roy Costner, LaTrelle Grayson, Dennis Keeling, Mary Lunsford, Andy McGehee III, Sandy Bell, Debra Wilkins, Nancy Worthington, Tom Cartledge, Carl Wiggins, Lynn Thompson, and Elaine Wright.

Our love and sympathy — to the family of member Jean Condrey on her death on May 12; to Jennifer Bentley and family on the death of her mother, Norma Stagner, on May 14; and to Carla, David Jr. and Caroline Duffee and family on the death of their father and grandfather, John Bradford, on May 17.

Worship Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center foyer this Sunday are given to the glory of God in memory of Frank Gutteridge from his loving wife Bud.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Dedicate a Flag — On sale May 25 – June 15. Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation provides a flag on campus and the name of the dedication will be listed in our Christianity in America evening bulletin on June 29. Make your dedications online at briarwood.org/flag.

Ten-Minute Choir — June 1 – August 10. Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments. Meet in the choir loft 10 minutes before each service and return to your seat after the opening hymn. All are welcome; no experience needed!

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.

Women's Summer Bible Study — June 10 – July 29. Join us this summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This Women's Study will focus on the epistle of Colossians which emphasizes the supreme authority of Jesus Christ over all things.

Men's Summer Study — June 11 – August 13. Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be overviewsing A.W. Tozer's, *The Pursuit of God*. See details and register at briarwood.org/men.

Summer Evangelism Training — June 11 – August 13. Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner and a lesson on how to share your faith in different contexts. We will split up with leaders and go out to share our faith. For details go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Care Portal Training — June 18. Care Portal is a way that churches can help children in foster care and even prevent them from entering into foster care. Join us for information and training at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Email cbono@briarwood.org to sign up.

VBS Volunteers Needed — We need floaters, people to be on the prayer team, and 10 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.

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. If interested, email lmckee@briarwood.org.

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. 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.