



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 18, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 138:2

All: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Jesus Saves"

Briarwood Orchestra

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

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents & Baccalaureate Processional (8:00)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Hymn 97

The Confession of Truth*

Romans 10:12

Pastor: *The Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame."*

All: For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

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

"Rejoice"

Briarwood Christian School Worship Team & Briarwood Orchestra
Chris Neugent, Director

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

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 15:1-7

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Great Reception"

Romans 15:1-7

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 & Baccalaureate Recessional (8:00)

"Take My Life and Let it Be" Hymn 379

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

"Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah"

*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

Rev. Benny Parks, Ministries Team Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 1:1–2

Pastor: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

All: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

*“His Mercy Is More”
“There Is One Gospel”*

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Dan Doriani

“Tough Skin, Tender Heart”
2 Timothy 2:24–26

Installation Service for Benny Youngblood

Benediction*

Doxology*

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts are available for \$10. Register your child or purchase a shirt 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.

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.

* 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 those who are graduating from high school, college, and seminary. Give thanks for their hard work and accomplishments. Pray they seek God for direction of their future and follow the marvelous plan He has prepared for them. Thank you for praying for the Pulpit Search Committee as they discern God's will for our next Lead Pastor. Pray also for the Godly man and his family as well as for our church to continue being the place where God's glory dwells.

Missions Prayer Focus — Please pray for Pastors Bryan Wintersteen and Rob Looper as they travel this week to Kuala Lumpur for a Malaysia Lampstand Conference. Pray for the church leaders who attend to take away a message of hope for spiritual health and vitality in their local congregations. *The flag of Malaysia will be featured in Sunday's service.*

Hospitalized — Bill Feist, Mary Lunsford, Mary Jo Hand, Jean Chase, George Whaley, Ellen Fox, Darlene Kerr, Rob Saunders, Susan Stofel, Andy McGehee III, Carol Payne, Karla Whitcomb, Joyce Yancey.

Our love and sympathy — to Dale Keller and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Jeff Jackson, on May 7; to the friends and family of member Jean Condrey who died on May 12.

Worship Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Pastor Harry L. Reeder III from his loving wife Cindy and family.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Local Ministry Prayer — This evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. All are invited to come and pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

Dedicate a Flag — On sale May 25 – June 15. Each \$15 donation in memory or honor of someone provides a flag on campus and the name of the person will be listed in our June 29 evening bulletin. Order online starting on May 25 at briarwood.org/flag.

Ten-Minute Choir — June 1 – August 31. 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.

Active-Duty Military — Update our Active Duty Military list of members and family members so that we can pray for them. Provide us with name, rank, branch of service, and the relationship to you. Email Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org.

VBS Volunteers Needed — We still need four more people to be VBS shepherds. We also need floaters, people to be on the prayer team, and 20 more 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.

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 sign up 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 Leigh Ann Reese at 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.