



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 – June 29, 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 92:1–2

All: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“America, the Beautiful”

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father, I confess and acknowledge that I am a sinner and guilty of treason against Your Holy Law, that I was conceived in sin and prone to do evil and that I have both offended You and rebelled against You. I have left undone those things I ought to have done, and have done those things which I ought not to have done. I am unable to save myself, O Lord, and acknowledge that salvation is of Your grace and mercy, so may You receive all the praise as is due Your holy name. For from You and unto You are all things; so unto You be glory forevermore. Amen. –from “Faith of Our Fathers”

(Please come forward for the Ten-Minute Summer Choir)

Choral Introit

“Rise Up, O Church of God” Hymn 293

Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hymn 92

The Confession of Truth*

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

Pastor: *You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

All: Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

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

"Rise My Soul, the Lord Is Risen"
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)"

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*†

Acts 20:17–38

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Paul and the Ephesians: A Portrait of Love and Leadership"
Acts 20:17–38

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*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 "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Morning services are available live on WLJR 88.5 FM. and online at briarwood.org/livestream.

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CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA

June 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. – Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Prelude	<i>“Liberty Bell”</i> Briarwood Festival Brass & Percussion Ensemble Mr. Chris Neugent, Orchestral Director
Choral Introit	<i>“God of Our Fathers”</i> Christianity in America Choir Dr. John Haines, Pastor of Worship
Welcome & Invocation	Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastoral Care Pastor
Presentation of The Colors*	Members of the Briarwood Trail Life Ministry
The National Anthem*	<i>“The Star-Spangled Banner”</i> Soloist, Chief Petty Officer Thomas D. Horner, Jr., USN, Retired
The Pledges of Allegiance*	The Flag of the United States The Christian Flag
Hymn of Blessing*	<i>“God Bless America”</i>
A Salute to Our Armed Forces	<i>“Armed Forces Medley”</i> Briarwood Festival Brass & Percussion Ensemble
Hymns of Praise For Our Country*	<i>“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”</i> <i>“America”</i>
Pastoral Prayer For Our Nation	Introduction – Rev. Jim Alexander Our Government – R.E. Dan Roberts, State Senator The Armed Forces – R.E. Steve Dowling, USMC, Retired Christ’s Church – Dr. Dan Doriani Conclusion – Rev. Jim Alexander
Hymn of Response*	<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>
Offertory & Guest Speaker Introduction	<i>“Lest We Forget”</i> Dr. Dan Doriani
Guest Speaker	Lieutenant Colonel Steve Dowling, USMC, Retired 51st PCA General Assembly Moderator
Honoring Our Military Personnel*	<i>“Over There”</i> <i>(All veterans and military personnel, please come forward)</i>
Benediction*	Dr. Dan Doriani
Postlude	Briarwood Festival Brass and Percussion Ensemble <i>(Military Personnel Pictures)</i>

FEATURED EVENTS

Barons Family Night — Church Wide Outing | July 2

Fellowship together Wednesday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Regions Field with a night of Barons baseball and fireworks. Call 205-776-5114 or email rleib@briarwood.org with questions. Tickets are available at briarwood.org/barons or in the Bookstore.

“What a Beautiful Name” — Briarwood Ballet | July 11 & 12

Briarwood Ballet summer intensive students will offer a contemporary program celebrating the names of God in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium. Learn more and purchase tickets for \$16 online at briarwood.org/balletevents.

Youth Impact Weekend — Briarwood Youth | August 1-3

9th-12th grade students, join us for our annual Impact Weekend, a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' homes. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Register online at briarwood.org/impactweekend.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for our country and its leaders as we celebrate the 249th birthday of our country. We give thanks for the veterans who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect our country and its freedoms.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for The Aspire Movement, a ministry in the Birmingham area that focuses on the mental, spiritual, physical, and social development of students through life-on-life mentoring, small groups, camps, college trips, and leadership training. Pray for more volunteers to join and support their mission of reaching students with the Gospel. The Birmingham Flag will be featured in the Worship Center this morning.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy and Joan Bell, Campbell Blake, Doug Dickinson, LaTrelle Grayson, Beth Hendrix, Sharon Huffstutler, Betty Hull, Margi Lyles, JoAnn Weston.

We rejoice with Stephen and Jane Graveling on the birth of their son, David James Frederick, on June 23, and grandparents Dave and Linda Mace and James and Lori Graveling.

Our love and sympathy to Mandi Goodman and family on the death of her grandfather, Kenneth Stanley, on June 14; to Connor and Christian Curtis and family on the death of their grandfather, Robert Curtis, on June 16; to the family and friends of member Jean Chase on her death on June 18; to Linda Ward, Blair and Adam Whittier and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Myra Ward, on June 18; to Jackie VanderWoude and family on the death of her sister, Eunice Koster, on June 19; and to Don and Leta Westmoreland and family on the death of their daughter, Leigh W. Dowe, on June 24.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Fourth of July Holiday — Church and school offices will be closed on Friday, July 4.

YBL Summer Series #2 — July 9 from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Samford's Regions Room. Hear panelists Todd Carlisle, Jim Weaver, and Robert Jolly share on "Founders, Builders & The Kingdom of God." Learn more and register online at ybl.org.

Young Couples BBQ — Saturday, July 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Briarwood Gym. Bring your family and friends to enjoy summer fellowship, tasty food, and plenty of fun for the kids! Email sking@briarwood.org with questions.

Doriani Reception — Sunday, July 13. All are invited to a special reception in honor of the Dorianis immediately following the evening service in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in expressing our gratitude to Dan and Debbie for their faithful service.

Created for a Purpose — 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! Learn more and sign up online at briarwood.org/createdforapurpose.

Trailblazers Ice Cream Social — July 22 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall E&F. Beat the heat with the Briarwood Trailblazers and Summer Sounds with John Livingston. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Super Summer 2025 — 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.

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

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

WBL Summer Series — Wednesday, July 9 at Grace Church. Join us at noon for a topical, lunch-hour study on "What the Bible Says About..." Find details at wblbirmingham.org.

Summer Evangelism Training — Evangelize with us on Wednesday nights. We will meet for dinner and a lesson on how to share your faith in different contexts. We will then split up and go out to share our faith. For details go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

ESL Volunteers Needed — Do you have a passion for internationals? Do you speak English? Then you would make a great addition to our ESL ministry! All necessary training will be provided. Contact cmcgregor@briarwood.org for more information.

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 Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.