



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 15, 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

For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 1:1-3

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.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Simple Gifts"
Hunter Goff

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise. –adapted from The Valley of Vision

Choral Introit

"God of Our Fathers" Hymn 573
Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"To God Be the Glory" Hymn 66

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 98:1-3

Pastor: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!*

All: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Christ is Mine Forevermore"
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Ephesians 3:14-16; 5:1-2, 25-28

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Christ-Centered Marriages and Families"

Ephesians 3:14-16; 5:1-2, 25-28

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

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 Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist

Welcome Rev. Benny Youngblood, Shepherding Team Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 100:1–5

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “*All My Boast Is in Jesus*”

“*All Sufficient Merit*”

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory “*Father, I Know that All My Life*”

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani

“The Centrality of Worship”

2 Samuel 6

Congregational Affirmation* “*Joy to the World!*” Hymn 125

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

Lead Pastor Vote — Congregational Meeting | June 15

On Sunday, June 15, Briarwood will hold a Congregational Meeting to vote on calling Dr. Scott Redd as the next Lead Pastor of Briarwood. All members are encouraged to attend and vote at 10:30 a.m. in the Worship Center.

Christianity in America — Evening Worship Service | June 29

Help us fill the loft as a great Briarwood Family Choir while we celebrate America and honor our veterans! Steve Dowling, the 2025 PCA General Assembly Moderator, will be our keynote speaker. Following the service, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn. Learn more and sign up at christianityinamericachoir.com.

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 online at briarwood.org/barons or at the Briarwood Bookstore.

* 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 — Thank God for the gift of fathers. Pray that our fathers will draw closer to Him and will be guided by the Word. May they have strength to overcome any challenges and be comforted by His love.

Praise the Lord for His abundant provision for our church in guiding the Pulpit Search Committee to recommend Dr. Scott Redd as Lead Pastor. May God continue to exceed our expectations as in Ephesians 3:20–21, and may God's kingdom continue to expand through the faithfulness of our congregation.

Missions Prayer Focus — Please pray for Nathan Newman with Ministry to State's summer discipleship program for interns serving on Capitol Hill. The interns will meet every Tuesday night through July as they navigate life while working in government. Pray they would be encouraged through this community and gospel clarity.

Hospitalized — Sandy Bell, Campbell Blake, Jean Chase, Kathy Davis, Sharon Huffstutler, Betty Hull, and JoAnn Weston.

Our love and sympathy — to Ben, Jackson and Jane Greene and family on the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Jane Benton Greene, on May 28; to Joe, Bennett, Abigail and Miriam Kelly and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Nancy Kelly, on June 4; to Wendy, Luke, Levi and John Long, Emmi Ford and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, June Edith Collins, on June 5; and to the family of member Joyce Scott on her death on June 8.

Receive a prayer notification each day through the Briarwood App.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Dedicate a Flag — On sale until June 15. Dedicate a flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation provides a flag on campus and will be listed in our June 29 evening bulletin. Make dedications online at briarwood.org/flag.

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

YBL 2nd Half Mentoring Seminar — June 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Inverness Country Club. Join us for lunch and “Called to Guide: The Heart of Christian Mentoring”, a panel discussion on the purpose & impact of mentoring. Register online at ybl.org.

WBL Summer Series — Beginning June 25. Every other Wednesday at noon at Grace Church. Join us for five lunch-hour studies on “What the Bible Says About...” Find details and register online at wblbirmingham.org.

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.

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

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.

Summer Evangelism Training — 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.

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.

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: 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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. What do people mean when they say “Marriage is a contract”? When they say “Marriage is a covenant”?
2. Review Ephesians 4:32-5:2; What does Paul say about the way disciples should imitate Jesus?
3. Review the faithfulness, patience, wisdom, sacrifice, and generosity of Jesus, as described in the gospels. How can we live that way in our marriages?
4. Was your father terrific, reasonably good, or deeply flawed? How can you give thanks for your father? For the men who were fatherly to you?