



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 – July 27, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 104:1, 31–33

Pastor: *Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great!*

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“Spiritual Medley”

O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

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

Choral Introit

“We Come, O Christ, to You” Hymn 117
Ten-Minute Summer Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Hymn 59

The Confession of Truth*

Hebrews 12:18–28 (selected, NLT)

Pastor: *You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.*

All: Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping Him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.

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

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)"

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

*"Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen"
"Show Us Christ"*

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*†

1 John 4:7-21

Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Rob Looper, National & Revitalization Pastor

"The Truest Love Story of All"

1 John 4:7-21

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*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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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

“Psalm 34 (Taste and See)”
Connor Weide, Seminary Intern

Welcome

Mark Purser, College Director

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1

All: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His
mighty heavens!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“All Sufficient Merit”
“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Consecration Hymn Medley”
Jim Blackmon & Anna Joy Powell, duet

Scripture & Sermon

Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastor of Pastoral Care

“A Crescendo of Praise”
Psalm 103

Benediction*

Doxology*

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

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. This year, Ike Reeder will be our featured speaker on the topic of Authentic Fellowship and Will Carlisle will be leading worship. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Register by July 28 at briarwood.org/impactweekend.

YBL Summer Series #3 — Young Business Leaders | August 5

Hear from Executive Director of Campus Outreach, Olan Stubbs, as he teaches on developing people both vocationally and spiritually on August 5 from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Samford's Regions Room. Register online at no cost at ybl.org.

Installation Service for Dr. Redd — Evening Worship Service | August 10

Come celebrate this new chapter in our church's life on Sunday, August 10 during the evening worship service. This will be an encouraging time of worship, celebration, and fellowship as we welcome the Redds into the Briarwood family.

* 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 — Lord, give us Your heart for others. Help us see those who need an encouraging word. Give us strength to die to ourselves and to actively build others up in Christ. "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for our ministry partners who serve in Iraq, Maher and Sahar, Salam and Mouna, and Saad and Maral. During this unsettling time of war in surrounding countries, pray for God's power to intervene and protect His children. Pray for renewed strength as they continue to mentor and train new disciples to serve the Lord Jesus in their difficult circumstances. The flag of Iraq will be featured in the Worship Center this morning.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Jean Cannon, Roy Costner, Ellen Fox, Larry Gazzini, LaTrelle Grayson, Margaret McCook, Tony Olmedo, Amy Warren, Nono Whitten, and Pat Gordon.

Our love and sympathy to Paul, Andrew, Amanda and Mike Cizek on the death of their mother and grandmother, Eunice Cizek, on July 19; and to the family of member John Lathram on his death on July 19.

...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

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.
In your Briarwood App settings, enable "Weekly Prayer Guide" notifications.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Canned Food Drive — Sunday, August 17. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Grace Klein. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

Trailblazer's Lunch — August 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship together and hear meteorologist Jason Simpson speak on "Jesus Calming the Storm". Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Registration is now open for rising 4th through 6th graders. This nine-month class requires weekly homework and memorizing. Space is limited to 20 participants. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org to register.

Briarwood Fall Soccer — Registration is now open for all boys and girls 5–15 years old. Call 205-776-5114, email soccer@briarwood.org, or go to briarwoodsoccer.com.

Sunday Greeters Needed — If you are looking for a way to serve our church, we would love for your smiling face to be a welcoming presence for each person who walks through our doors. All ages can participate! You can serve individually or as a family. Contact Allison Barton at abarton@briarwood.org to volunteer.

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.

Central Texas Flood Relief — In the wake of the devastating floods in Kerr County, we have an opportunity to come alongside those in need. First and foremost, please pray for those affected. Secondly, you can donate at ccptx.org/kerr-county-flood-relief.

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 you are interested, email lmckee@briarwood.org.

Children's Sunday School Promotion — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2025–26 school year, let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: 2nd Shift Custodian — Full-time position available for 2nd shift custodian who will work 1:30–10:00 p.m. with somewhat flexible hours. Health insurance and possibility of overtime is available. If interested, email brobinson@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: Grounds Manager — Briarwood is seeking a grounds manager for their property. Must be familiar with irrigation repair, lawn equipment, and some backhoe experience. Salary plus benefits. Contact Steve at sgoebel@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.