



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 – August 3, 2025

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## 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

*...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 133:1, 3b

Pastor: *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*

All: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

*O Great I am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. adapted from The Valley of Vision*

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

## Choral Introit

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* Hymn 276

Ten-Minute Summer Choir

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* Hymn 278

## The Confession of Truth\*

Ezekiel 37:21–28, selected

Pastor: *Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.*

All: I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE  
*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden  
things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

**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** "O Church, Arise"

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*** "Only a Holy God"  
"Speak, O Lord"

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\*†** Ephesians 1:1–2

**Exposition of God's Word** Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ  
"Greetings"  
Ephesians 1:1–2

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE  
*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\*** "We Are God's People" Hymn 283

**Postlude** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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\*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](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude**

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

**Welcome**

Rev. Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 71:5

All: For You, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\***

*“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”*

*“All I Have Is Christ”*

Connor Weide, Seminary Intern

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory**

*“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”*

**Scripture & Sermon**

Rev. Rob Looper, National & Revitalization Pastor

*“A Hand-Me-Down Faith”*

Psalm 78

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Hymn of Response\***

*“My Hope Is in the Lord”* Hymn 406

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

**Postlude**

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## 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

### **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.

### **Women's Fall Kickoff — Women's Ministry | August 23 \***

Women join us for our Women's Fall Kickoff on Saturday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. This Roaring 20's themed event will focus on fellowship, food and fun! There will be 20's themed decorations up, a whole playlist of 20's style music, and so many fun activities to tie it all together. There is no cost, but registration helps us in our planning. For more details and to register go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Thankful for the impact that Young Business Leaders has on the lives of men in our community. Pray specifically for the August 5 summer series meeting at Samford. Olan Stubbs, Executive Director of Campus Outreach, will share on developing people both vocationally and spiritually. And pray for The Wellhouse, a ministry that provides opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking through its emergency, short-term, and long-term care programs.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Please pray for the ministry of First Priority whose mission is to share the hope of Christ with teens in the Greater Birmingham area. As a new school season begins, pray for growth of the ministry as well as preparations of Biblical teaching as they network in 22 different schools. Praise the Lord that last season there were 1,000 commitments to Christ, and 10,000 students who attended weekly Bible study. The flag of Alabama will be featured in the Worship Center this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Jean Cannon, LaTrelle Grayson, Betty Hull, Dave Morey, Dianna Murphree, Gary Palmer, Amy Warren, Nono Whitten, and Rebecca Haynes.

Our love and sympathy to Charles Daniel and family on the death of his mother, Maneeammal Daniel, on July 21; to Dottie Ammon and family on the death of her sister, Wanda Frost, July 23; to Joyce Wise and family on the death of her brother, Ronald Davis, on July 24; to Donna DePrine and family on the death of her father, Donald Honeywell, on July 29; and to Carol Powell and family on the death of her brother, Jeffery Bryan McDonald, on July 28.

*...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

**YBL Summer Series #3** — August 5 from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Samford's Regions Room. Hear from Executive Director of Campus Outreach, Olan Stubbs, as he teaches on developing people both vocationally and spiritually. Register online at [ybl.org](http://ybl.org).

**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](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Become a Briarwood Member** — August 20, 23 and 24. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**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](mailto:cmcgregor@briarwood.org) for more information.

**Friendship Partners** — Get involved with God's heart for the nations with Friendship Partners. An intentional friendship can have an eternal impact. Attend an orientation August 5 or 13. Contact Courtney at [cmcgregor@briarwood.org](mailto:cmcgregor@briarwood.org) for more info.

**Sunday Greeters Needed** — We would love for your smiling face to be a welcoming presence for each person who walks through our doors. All ages and stages can participate! Contact Allison Barton at [abarton@briarwood.org](mailto:abarton@briarwood.org) to volunteer.

**Children's Sunday School Teachers Needed** — No prior experience required and we give you all the materials needed. We will start off the year on August 24. If interested, please email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**Children's Sunday School Promotion** — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2025–26 school year, let us know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class beginning on August 24. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@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](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) to register.

**CONNECT Teachers Needed** — We will meet each Wednesday night this fall beginning on September 3. We still need 8 more volunteers to help with K4-3rd grade classes. No advanced prep is needed, just show up! Please email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto: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](mailto:brobinson@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](mailto:sgoebel@briarwood.org).