



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 17, 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

*...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 100:1–2

Pastor: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!*

All: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good
and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing
the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son,
the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin
before You now and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You
now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to
live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom. –from The Book of
Common Worship*

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” Hymn 276

The Confession of Truth*

Daniel 7:13–14

Pastor: *I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came
one like a son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented
before Him.*

All: And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples,
nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting
dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not
be destroyed.

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 *"Praise Him!"*
Briarwood Choir & Audrey Jowers, Soloist

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

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 1:15–23

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

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ
"Authority, Power and Dominion"
Ephesians 1:15–23

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* *"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

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 "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

Christian Education Convocation – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist

Welcome

Ike Reeder, President Birmingham Theological Seminary

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:12–14

Pastor: *Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!*

All: With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth. In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

*“Great Are You Lord”
“Sovereign Over Us”*

Recognition of Christian Educators

Prayer for Christian Educators

Mr. Gus Martin, BCS Superintendent

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“The Only Thing”
Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

“Cultivating the Whole Person”
Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

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

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

Join us for a fun and festive Women's Fall Kickoff on Saturday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is the Roaring 20s, and it's all about fellowship, food, and fun! Expect 1920s-themed decorations, a curated playlist of vintage tunes, and plenty of exciting activities to bring it all to life. The event is free, but registration helps us plan well. To register go to briarwood.org/women.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | September 3 – November 12 *

Join us for dinner, classes and activities for the entire family each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun, fellowship, and learning! Find class information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

* 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 — Give thanks for all the canned food given to the Grace Klein Community. Pray this ministry will provide food items to those in need in our community. Father, we praise You for providing Dr. Scott Redd as our Pastor. We acknowledge and thank You for Your sovereign work in this process. Please bless him as he shepherds Your flock here at Briarwood.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for follow up discussions and participation of pastors who sought more information at General Assembly regarding the January Lampstand Conference. Also pray for the Lord to continue opening doors to future conferences in the U.S. as well as potentially in Europe.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Susan Bailey, Renee Graves, Mark Green, Gene Head Sr., Bill Matthews, Mildred Risner, Cindy Shaw, Jack Tester, Leslie Wilson, Zeke Sillers, and Esther Brown.

Our love and sympathy to Stephen Boyd and family on the death of his grandmother, Linda Boyd, on August 4, and his grandfather, Henry Boyd, on August 7; to Bill Brazeal and family on the death of his mother, Willetta Schanz Brazeal, on August 10; and to David, Savannah, Amelia Lee Crawley, Emma Sakon and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Larry Crawley, on August 12.

The flowers in the Worship Center this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Wanda Bennett from Jim Bennett and Benny and Brenda Parks.

...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 — Leave your canned goods and non-perishables for Grace Klein behind your vehicle this morning for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up during church.

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.

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.

Trail Life Open House — Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. All boys and their parents are invited to learn about Trail Life. This is a Christ-centered character, leadership, and outdoor adventure ministry for boys ages 5-17 and their dads.

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.

Children's Sunday School Promotion — Sunday, August 24. If you plan on holding your child back for the 2025-26 school year, please email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Women's Fall Studies — Beginning September 2. Women, pick from classes meeting Monday-Thursday. See class topics and information at briarwood.org/women.

Youth Wednesday Nights — Beginning September 3. Students gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The Barn. Raiders (7th-8th graders) meet 6:30-8:00 p.m. BYG (9th-12th graders) meet 7:00-8:30 p.m. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Children Wednesday Nights — Beginning September 3 at 6:30 p.m. Children K4-3rd grade will meet in the Children's Auditorium for CONNECT and 4th-6th grade in the Church Gym for IGNITE. Contact Jake Stallings at 205-776-5305.

Children's Choirs — Beginning September 7. Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet Sunday evenings during the worship hour at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

Youth Sunday Night D-Groups — Beginning September 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at The Barn. All 7th - 12th graders are invited to come for discipleship groups with their peers. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Men's Fall Studies — Beginning September 8. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See additional information at briarwood.org/men.

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.

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.