



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 24, 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

Psalms 103:8, 11–13

Pastor: *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.*

All: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"In Christ Alone"

Briarwood Orchestra & Chris Neugent, Orchestral Director

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, O Lord, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." from Psalm 51

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder" Sing! Getty Hymnal

The Confession of Truth*

Ezekiel 37:1–14, selected

Pastor: *The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.*

All: Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you

shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE
O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

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 *“Beauty of the Cross”*

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *“My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)”*

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 2:1–10

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

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ
“The Gift that Changes Us”
Ephesians 2:1–10

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE
For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *“The Doxology with Alleluias”*

Postlude *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

*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

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome

Dr. Greg Norfleet, Briarwood Counseling Ministry

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1–3

Pastor: *Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!*

All: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“All I Have is Christ”

“Ancient of Days”

Mr. Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Rev. Rob Looper, National / Revitalization Pastor

“Oil and Dew”

Psalm 133

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

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. Find additional class information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

BTS Fall Semester — Birmingham Theological Seminary | September 2

Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a wide array of classes this fall. If you desire to fulfill God's calling in your life with accessible and affordable seminary options through a quality reformed theological education, you're going to love BTS. To view the class schedule and apply for admissions, go to bts.education.

* 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 — Pray for the many volunteers helping throughout the year with our Special Connections Ministry. We pray, God, that You fill their hearts with love and a caring spirit as they build relationships and help in the various activities/ events and Sunday School for this Ministry. We pray the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on August 27 will be a sweet time of fellowship for these volunteers.

Missions Prayer Focus — Jim and Claudia Jung are in Sydney serving with Mission to the World with a goal to disciple and mobilize the gospel movement in the whole of Asia-Pacific and beyond. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Jim as Regional Director overseeing development of gospel works in Australia, New Zealand, and South Pacific Islands. The Flag of Australia is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Joan Bell, Hugh Brindley, Titus Darroch, Brenda Harris, Gene Head Sr., Bart Kidd, Carl Wiggins, Carol Hendrickson, Bill Matthews, and Steve Adams.

We rejoice with Rigo and Madison Banegas on the birth of their daughter, Sandra Linen, on August 15 and with grandparents Don and Sandy Murphy.

Our love and sympathy to Blaine Cornett and family on the death of his brother, Terry Cornett, on August 13; to Vicki, Caleb and Canaan Bradley and family on the death of their husband and father, member Walt Bradley, on August 15; and to Bebe Costner and family on the death of her husband, member Roy Costner, on August 18.

...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

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.

GriefShare MidWeek Class — Starts September 3. Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 12-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Call 205-776-5227 to sign up.

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 a.m. 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.

YBL Fall Breakfast — Friday, September 12 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Come hear from one of Alabama's top entrepreneurs, Shegun Otulana. Tickets are \$30, tables for 8/\$240. Register at ybl.org/events.

Trailblazer's Lunch — Sunday, September 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship together and hear from U.S. Congressman Gary Palmer. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Children's Passport Night — Friday, September 19 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Register online at briarwood.org/children. The Children's Ministry needs ministry safe volunteers to help with crowd control. Email Emily Baker if interested at ebaker@briarwood.org.

WBL Faith & Work Luncheon — Wednesday, September 24. Join Women Business Leaders for their annual Faith & Work Luncheon featuring speaker, Joanna Meyer of the Denver Institute for Faith & Work. Register online at wblbirmingham.org.

BIO Campus Ministry Director – Full-time position available to provide leadership in reaching international students and scholars at UAB for the purpose of evangelism and discipleship. Send inquiries and resumes to cnorfleet@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.