

### FOR GOD'S GLORY,

WE ARE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING CHRISTIANS TO
WORSHIP GOD AND TO REACH BIRMINGHAM TO
REACH THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.



# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

Morning Services of Divine Worship - September 21, 2025

#### **Worship Leaders**

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Psalm 29:4, 9-11 (selected, NLT)

#### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

All: In His Temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Pastor: The LORD rules over the floodwaters. The LORD reigns as King forever.

All: The LORD gives His people strength. The LORD blesses them with peace.

**Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Dunn) Briarwood Orchestra

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Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.

#### Invocation

**Gospel Word of Salvation** 

Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

Hymn of Ascents\*

"God of Grace and God of Glory" Hymn 292

The Confession of Truth\*

Ezekiel 37:13-23 (selected, NLT)

Pastor: Give this message from the Sovereign LORD: I will gather the people of Israel

from among the nations. I will bring them home to their own land from the places where they have been scattered. I will unify them into one nation on the mountains of Israel. One king will rule them all; no longer will they

be divided into two nations or into two kingdoms.

All: They will never again pollute themselves with their idols and vile images and

rebellion, for I will save them from their sinful apostasy. I will cleanse them.

Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their 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

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9–10

The Offertory

"Name of All Majesty" Briarwood Choir and Orchestra Tom Horner, Jr., Assistant Choral Director

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*

"O Church, Arise" (Arise, Shine) Getty Chris Neugent, Orchestral Director

#### 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 4:1-6

**Exposition of God's Word** 

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ "Walking in a Manner Worthy" Ephesians 4:1-6

#### 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

Pastoral Benediction\*

Congregational Affirmation\*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude Like a River Glorious" (Havergal)

## FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude		Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist
Welcome		Mark Purser, College Director
Call to Worship		Psalm 89:14
All:	Righteousness and justice are the foundation and faithfulness go before You.	on of Your throne; steadfast love
Prayer of Invocation		
Songs o	of Praise*	Shane Davis, Worship Associate
Announcements		
Offertory Prayer		
The Of	fertory	Daniel Cason
Scriptu	re & Sermon	Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor
"The Lord Roars from Zion" Amos 1:1-2:5		
Pastoral Benediction*		
Congregational Affirmation*		
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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## FEATURED EVENTS

#### IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 18 \*

On the morning of October 18, we will have the opportunity to work together on a wide range of service projects that will help support several of our local ministries. This day of service will kick off our Local and National Ministries Conference as we seek to IMPACT Birmingham for the glory of God! Learn more and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

**Local & National Ministries Conference** — **Briarwood Missions** | **October 19–20** \* Join us Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20 to hear from guest speaker Dr. Sandy Willson and our National ministry partners who will share during Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find additional details and see how you can volunteer at briarwood.org/nmc.

\* 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 faculty of Birmingham Theological Seminary as they teach this fall semester. Praise God for this seminary as it provides sound biblical and practical theological training to equip leaders for Christ's Church.

**Birmingham Prayer Focus** — Pray for Sav-A-Life Vestavia as they work to end abortion by supporting women and transforming lives through free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, prenatal care, and parenting programs. Pray that God will provide the 45 volunteers needed each week to fulfill their mission.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for Blanket Fort Hope, a local ministry serving child survivors of human trafficking. Pray for God's guidance as they provide housing, trauma care, counseling, education, and the hope found in Christ.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Judy Belcher, Hugh Brindley, JoAnne Cofer, Banks Farris, Janet Greer, Carole Lee, Jonathan Sanders, Jim Griffin, and Susan Johnson.

Our love and sympathy to Sue Leveille and family on the death of her brother, Donald Just, on August 29; to the family of member Dick Baker on his death on September 8; and to Dale Sitton and family on the death of his sister, Lynne King, on September 9.

We rejoice with Ernie and Caroline Brown on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer "Jenny" Elizabeth, on September 4 and with grandparents Leon and Kelly Chadwick.

...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**

**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.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — September 24, 27 and 28. 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 wlong@briarwood.org.

**WBL Faith & Work Luncheon** — Wednesday, September 24, at 11:45 a.m. at The Club. 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.

**WBL** Event for Single Women — Wednesday, September 24, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. featuring a special Q&A session with the author of *Women, Work and Calling* and Director of the Denver Faith and Work Institute, Joanna Meyer. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

**Trailblazers Tailgate Lunch** — Friday, October 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wings and drinks provided. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

**Youth Communicants Class** — This September & October we will have a class for teens who are ready to become members of Briarwood. Please pray and discuss with your teenager. Email Jay Shaw at jshaw@briarwood.org if interested.

**Children's Choirs** — 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.

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

**Men's Fall Studies** — 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.

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — 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 information at briarwood.org/midweek.

**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.

**Job Openings: Kitchen Assistant** — Part-time position available to assist in the Briarwood kitchen. Send inquiries and resumes to sblahnik@briarwood.org.

**Job Openings: CMMA Administrative Assistant** — The ideal candidate will be proactive, organized, adept at managing multiple tasks, and have a ministry mindset with great communication skills. Send resumes to mday@briarwood.org.

**Job Opening: Grounds Manager** — Must be familiar with irrigation repair and lawn equipment. Salary plus benefits. Contact Steve at sgoebel@briarwood.org.