



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 – September 7, 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

*...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 67:5–7

Pastor: *Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! The earth  
has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.*

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

*“O, Worship the King”*

Beth Mooney, Soloist

*Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am  
a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve  
Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore  
and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart.  
Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the  
Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*“May the Peoples Praise You”* The Sing! Hymnal #552

## The Confession of Truth\*

Hosea 2:16–23 (selected ESV, NLT)

Pastor: *“And in that day, declares the LORD... I will betroth you to Me forever. I will  
betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.  
I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.*

All: I will show mercy to those I called ‘No mercy.’ And to those I called  
‘Not My people,’ I will say, ‘Now you are My people.’ And they will reply,  
‘You are our God!’”

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings  
be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1*

### 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 What a Friend"*

Briarwood Choir, Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist

#### Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*

*"I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)"*

## 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 3:1–13

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ

"Confidence, Suffering, and Glory"

Ephesians 3:1–13

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

#### Pastoral Benediction\*

#### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"How Sweet and Awesome is the Place"*

The Sing! Hymnal #164

#### Postlude

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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

**Vocal Introit**

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*  
Hunter Goff and Korey Cox

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric Reebals, Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 1:1–2

All: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\***

*“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”*  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory**

Daniel Cason

**Scripture & Sermon**

Dr. Olan Stubbs, Campus Outreach Executive Director

“Make Every Effort to Come”  
2 Timothy 4:9–21

**Installation of Ben Webber**

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\***

**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

### **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. You can find additional class information and register for dinners at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

### **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! Find additional information and register for projects at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact).

\* 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** — Pray for the teachers of the Women's Fall Bible studies. We are thankful for their commitment as they "equip women to know God and to glorify Him in our home, church, community, and world."

Pray for Restoration Academy as they work to advance each student's life according to the two greatest commandments—to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as themselves. Also, pray for the teachers and leaders to be strengthened, encouraged, and guided by wisdom as they faithfully serve and lead with love.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for the international students who have just arrived in Birmingham. Pray that these students would make connections with Christians, visit churches, and turn to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Also pray that the Christians who minister to them would be Gospel-minded, loving, and good listeners. The flag of India is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Rhonda Beacham, Nathan Chang, Cindy Janney, Zeke Sillers, Caleb Landers, and Nancy Worthington.

Our love and sympathy to Shelle and Ashton Henderson and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Wayne Knight, on August 23; and to the family of member Lynn Green on her death on August 31.

*...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

**Children's Choirs** — Beginning this evening, 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 this evening 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Youth Choirs** — Beginning September 14. All 7th–12th graders, please join us at The Barn each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. You are welcome to hang out at The Barn after choir dismisses. Please contact Chris Neugent for more information at 205.401.2623.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**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](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org) if interested.

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

**Youth Wednesday Nights** — 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](mailto:k.smith@briarwood.org).

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

**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](http://briarwood.org/employment).