



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 – October 12, 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

*"I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the  
congregation I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 27:4

Pastor: *One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after;*

All: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and seek Him in His temple.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"Higher Ground"*  
Briarwood Orchestra

*Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as "living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship." Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Receiving of New Members

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymns of Ascents\*

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* Hymn 280

## The Confession of Truth\*

The Trinitarian Apostles' Creed

Pastor: *Christian, what do you believe concerning God the Father?*

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: *Christian, what do you believe concerning Christ the Son?*

All: I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the

Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: *Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?*

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### 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 the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness  
in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

### Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

#### The Offertory

*"We Are God's People"*  
Briarwood Choir & Orchestra

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

*"I Set My Hope on Jesus"*  
*"All I Have is Christ"*  
Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

#### 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 5:1–21

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ  
"Awake, O Sleeper"  
Ephesians 5:1–21

#### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24*

#### Pastoral Benediction\*

#### Congregational Affirmation\*

The Doxology with Alleluias

#### Postlude

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude**

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

**Welcome**

Dr. Greg Norfleet, Briarwood Counseling Ministry

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 100:4–5

Pastor: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\***

*“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
“Sovereign Over Us”*

Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory**

Daniel Cason

**Scripture & Sermon**

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

*“He Who Forms the Mountains”  
Amos 4:1–13*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\***

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

**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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## 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](http://briarwood.org/impact). Today is the last day to register!

### **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](http://briarwood.org/nmc).

### **EMC Convocation Service — All Members | October 26**

On Every Member Commitment Convocation Sunday, members are encouraged to attend the Convocation Service in the Worship Center at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Learn more at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

### **EMC Pledge Sunday — All Members | November 2**

On Every Member Commitment Pledge Sunday, members will turn in their pledge cards during the morning services or make pledges online at [briarwood.org/giving](http://briarwood.org/giving).

\* 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** — We pray, Lord, that You use us Saturday as we participate in “IMPACT Birmingham” by sharing the Gospel in words and in deeds throughout our city. Thankful for our ministry partners who minister to those in need on a daily basis.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for the Briarwood members participating in IMPACT Birmingham on Saturday, October 18. Pray as they partner with local ministries to share Christ’s love through service projects. May their efforts have a lasting impact on Birmingham for God’s glory. The flag of Birmingham will be in the worship center this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Carolyn Campbell, David Cahoon, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Debbie Frey, George Hodges, Rick Lathem, Carol Lee, Mary Sue McClurkin, JoAnn Weston, Elaine Willis, Chizuru Elliott, Glenn Evans, and Jerri Lynn Turner.

We rejoice with Wells and Mary Caroline Holladay on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Reece, on September 4.

Receive each day’s prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.  
In your Briarwood App settings, enable “Weekly Prayer Guide” notifications.



# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church** — The Persecuted Church Prayer Team will meet for prayer at 5:00 p.m. in G-103 this evening. All are welcome.

**Special Connections Respite Care Night** — Tuesday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. in N-110. Parents with special needs children, enjoy an evening off! Register on the Briarwood App or contact Michael Johnson at [mjohnson@briarwood.org](mailto:mjohnson@briarwood.org).

**SHINE** — Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20. Children grades K4 – 6th, join us during our National Ministries Conference in the Children's Auditorium. There will be missionaries speaking, fun and games! No registration is required.

**BTS Fall Theology Conference** — October 23–25 at Urban Hope Community Church. Join BTS for their Fall Theology Conference, hosting the Center for Biblical Unity Team on Biblical Views on Justice in Society. Register online at [bts.education](http://bts.education).

**Baptism Class** — October 29. At Briarwood, we ask that all new parents desiring to have their baby baptized either join our one-night baptism class or meet with Jay Shaw prior to setting up a date for baptism. For information, email [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**Trailblazers Shoebox Packing Party** — November 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the Trailblazers to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring items to share! Contact Sharon a [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) to bring items early.

**Persecuted Church Prayer Breakfast** — Saturday, November 15 from 8:30–10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with speaker Dr. Karen Ellis, the Director of the Edmiston Center for Christian Endurance Studies at Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia.

**WBL Fall Studies** — Join Women Business Leaders on Tuesday evenings throughout October for a new small group series focusing on what it means to work well before the Lord and others! Find additional information at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

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

**Grace House Goody Bag Donations Needed** — Help us bless the girls at Grace House by donating items like hand lotion, chapstick, hand sanitizer, candy, and other small treats. Drop off donations on Sunday mornings, October 5 & 12, in the church lobbies.

**Job Openings: Families, Youth, & College Administrative Assistant** — Candidate will support the Youth, College and Family Ministries through day-to-day administrative tasks, event coordination, communication, and office management. This is a full-time position with benefits. Please send resumes to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**Job Openings: Kitchen Assistant** — Part-time position available to assist in the Briarwood kitchen. Send inquiries and resumes to [sblahnik@briarwood.org](mailto:sblahnik@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](http://briarwood.org/employment).