



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 – April 26, 2026

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Rev. Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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 113:1–2

Pastor: *Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!*

All: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“The Lord Gave the Word” (Psalm 68:11)

From *“Messiah”* by Handel, Briarwood Choir

Sovereign God, Your cause, not my own, engages my heart, and I appeal to You with greatest freedom to set up Your kingdom in every place where Satan reigns; Glorify Yourself and I will rejoice, for to bring honor to Your name is my sole desire. I adore You that You are God, and long that others should know it, feel it, and rejoice in it. O that all men might love and praise You, that You might have all glory from the intelligent world! Let sinners be brought to You for Your dear name! Lord, use me as You will, do with me what You will; but, O, promote Your cause, let Your kingdom come, let Your blessed interest be advanced in this world! –from The Valley of Vision

Choral Introit (11:00)

“Only a Holy God”

Briarwood Youth Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Hymn 97

Confession of Truth*

Westminster Shorter Catechism, q. 53–56

Pastor: *Which is the third commandment?*

All: The third commandment is: “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

Pastor: *What does the third commandment require?*

All: The third commandment requires that we use God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works with reverence and awe.

Pastor: *What does the third commandment forbid?*

All: The third commandment forbids all misuse of anything by which God makes Himself known.

Pastor: *What is the reason attached to the third commandment?*

All: The reason attached to the third commandment is that, although those who break this commandment may escape punishment from people, the LORD our God will not allow them to escape His righteous judgment.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...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

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithes & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"His Glory and My Good"
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"He Will Hold Me Fast"
"Holy Spirit"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*†

Deuteronomy 5:11

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

The Ten Commandments

"The Third Commandment: Presence"
Deuteronomy 5:11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Before the Throne of God Above"

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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



“Are We There Yet?”

The Story of Moses and the Exodus
Children’s Musical Program

Shanna Phillips
Children’s Choirs Director

*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

G.F. Handel's Messiah — Music Ministry Worship Concert | May 3 *

During the Evening Worship Service on May 3, the Briarwood Choir & Orchestra will present several of the solo passages and choruses from G.F. Handel's Messiah, which outlines the redemptive story of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

National Day of Prayer — Prayer Service | May 7 *

We invite you to join us in the chapel on Thursday, May 7, at noon for a time of corporate prayer as we participate in the 75th National Day of Prayer and mark our nation's 250th anniversary. This one-hour service will be facilitated by elders and assisted by musicians who will lead us in song.

Vacation Bible School — K5-6th Graders | June 1-5

VBS will be June 1-5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts are available for \$10. Register your child and purchase VBS t-shirts at briarwood.org/vbs.

* 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 — Lord, we thank You for uniting our church family this weekend during IMPACT Birmingham as we used our gifts to magnify Your name. Thank You for the variety of gifts You have supplied to our Body.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for ministry partner, Grace House, as they care for 40 girls in foster homes. They need women mentors, meal providers, and men for grounds care and projects. Pray these girls encounter God's deep love and healing through every part of this ministry. The flag of Birmingham is featured this Sunday.

Church Family — Pray for hospitalized members Vera Cull, Michele Davis, Jeanette Ellis, Clara Gipson, Jean Goebel, Robert Harwell, Bob Neill, JoAnne Roddam, George Whaley, Sandy Bell, Barbara Cartledge.

We rejoice with Travis and Ruthie Gipson on the birth of their daughter, Clara Gipson, on April 7 and grandparents Jim and Joy Jager; with Matt and Julie Moore on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Allerton, on April 14; and with Alex and Christie McKinney on the birth of their son, Rowan William, on April 16 and grandparents John and Nancy Mansfield.

Our love and sympathy to Evans Bailey and family on the death of his mother, Bonnie Bailey, on April 16; and to Kiri, Bennett, Abigail and Miriam Kelly and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Lynn Russell, on April 20; and to Craig Miller and family on the death of his mother, Jane Miller, on April 21.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

High School & College Graduating Seniors — April 30 deadline. If you are graduating high school or college this spring, please send your full name and school name to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org or 205-776-5301.

YBL & Urban Hope Lunch & Discussion Panel — May 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Urban Hope Community Church. Join us for a complimentary luncheon with panelists, Alton Hardy, Jason Ellerbee, and Rob Genin. Learn more and RSVP at ybl.org/events.

Officer Nominations — May 1–31. Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2029 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Make submissions online at briarwood.org/nominations or email lreese@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Ballet Presents “The Promise” — May 9 & 10 at the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium. This exciting performance is an allegorical retelling of the story of Joseph. Learn more and purchase tickets at briarwood.org/ballet.

Briarwood Soccer Club — Sign up by May 10. Soccer tryouts for competitive boys and girls players ages 10–18 are open to the public at briarwoodsoccer.com.

CMMA Informational Reception — May 17 in the Fellowship Hall after the 2nd service. All Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Optometrists, & Occupational Therapists are invited to come and hear about the ministry of CMMA.

Support Our Soldiers Memorial Banquet — May 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a banquet for Support Our Soldiers. Tickets are \$20 per person. Purchase 8 tickets to reserve a full table. Register at briarwood.org/events.

VBS Volunteers — June 1–5. Classroom shepherds, nurses, prayer team, greeters, and nursery are all still needed. Teen helper registration is now open for rising 7–12th graders. To sign up to volunteer, please go to briarwood.org/vbs.

University of Alabama Tour — June 16. Join the Briarwood Trailblazers for a private tour of the University of Alabama with National Missions Partner Scotty Hollins of Blueprint Ministries and Alabama Basketball chaplain. Register at briarwood.org/events.

Summer Soccer Camp — June 22–26 & July 14–16. Soccer Camp for players age 7–14, is open to the public. Register online at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205.776.5114.

Created for a Purpose Conference Volunteers — July 20–24. We need women to help with art rooms (cooking, sewing, paper, painting, sculpture), decorations, and prayer. If you feel led to serve, contact Hannah Grace Walker at hwalker@briarwood.org.

Job opening: Youth Pastor — This position involves responsibility for programming, discipleship, evangelism, outreach opportunities, retreats, and leadership training, and staff development. Send resume to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

Job opening: Nursery Hallway Supervisor — Briarwood is looking to hire a Briarwood member to supervise the nursery hallway during Sunday evening services and during some special church events. Send resume to aneugent@briarwood.org.

Stay up-to-date with events and opportunities with the Briarwood B-Mail newsletter.