

THE

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• NOVEMBER 26, 2021 •

## *the Messiah King* ISAIAH 9:6

**Children's Choirs Program \***  
Dec. 5 - 6:00 p.m.

**Walk Through Nativity**  
Dec. 8-10 - 6:45-8:45 p.m.

**"Light Eternal" \***  
Dec. 12 - 6:00 p.m.  
Briarwood Ballet

**"Hallelujah!  
A Briarwood Christmas  
in Living Portraits" \***  
Dec. 19 - 6:00 p.m.  
Briarwood Music, Drama &  
Ballet Ministries

**Family Candlelight  
Services \***  
Dec. 24 - 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.

**Communion Candlelight  
Service**  
Dec. 24 - 11:00 p.m.

**Morning Worship \***  
Dec. 26 - 10:00 a.m.

*(No Sunday School or evening worship)*

\* Nursery available; reservations required.  
[briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery)



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# WALK THROUGH NATIVITY

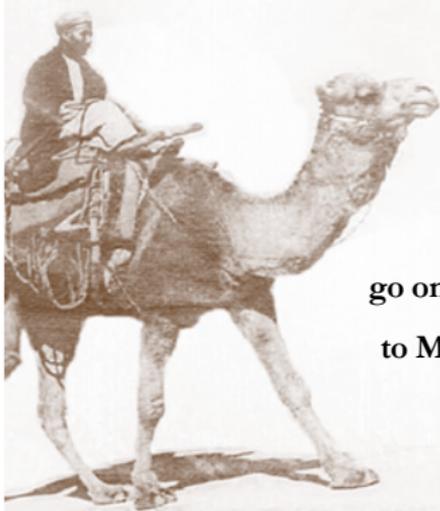
The excitement of this year's Walk Through Nativity increases daily! As family and friends walk through one of Birmingham's most poignant Christmas depictions, we pray that the various scenes from Jesus's birth, life, death and resurrection will be meaningful and that Christ will work in the hearts of all who participate. There's no better way to introduce conversation about Christ!

Be sure to invite your friends!

**Volunteers are still needed!**

**Sign up today—call 205-776-5251;  
go online to [briarwood.org/nativity](http://briarwood.org/nativity); or go  
to **More/Forms** on the Briarwood App.**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
December 8, 9, 10 • 6:45–8:45 p.m.**





## POINSETTIA PURCHASES DUE THIS SUN., DEC. 5

DEDICATE A POINSETTIA IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL, AND HELP DECORATE THE WORSHIP CENTER FOR CHRISTMAS.

COST: \$20 PER PLANT/DEDICATION

ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE, OR PURCHASE ONLINE AT [BRIARWOOD.ORG/POINSETTIA](http://BRIARWOOD.ORG/POINSETTIA).

Christmas Poinsettias



## Shop our extended hours this Christmas season!

Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Closed

Sunday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Briarwood Christian Bookstore

# Light Eternal

presented by

## Briarwood Ballet

December 12 - 6:00 pm



## Sun., Dec. 19

6:00 p.m.

Worship Center

You are invited to this dramatic presentation by our Music, Drama and Ballet Ministries, including beloved classic and contemporary music of Advent.



# Celebration of Worship

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 28, 2021

### Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

#### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 98:4

[All:] **Make a joyful noise to the LORD all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

#### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Gesu Bambino” (Yon)

*As the prophets of old cried out among Your people who were weary and downcast, yearning for the coming Promised Messiah, so today Your call rings out through the proclamation of Your Word, “Prepare the way of the Lord!” Oh Lord, speak to my heart during this season of grace as You spoke to Your prophets and saints. Allow me to fix my gaze upon Christ, Redeemer and Savior of His people, and to relive the joy of His blessed Advent.*

#### The Invocation

#### The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Advent Reading

Kirk and Marion Petty (8:00)

Nick and Alison Hill (10:50)

#### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

#### \*The Carol of Ascents

“Joy to the World” Carol 125

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

**\*The Confession of Truth** Westminster Shorter Catechism, qq. 21-23

[Leader:] *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

[All:] **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person for ever.**

[Leader:] *How did Christ, the Son of God, become man?*

[All:] **Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to Himself a body and a soul like ours, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

[Leader:] *What offices does Christ fill as our Redeemer?*

[All:] **Christ as our Redeemer fills the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, in His states both of humiliation and exaltation.**

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9*

The 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*

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and 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

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* (French Melody)  
Angela Yoon, soloist

**\*The Season of Worship through the Carols of Christmas**

*"What Child Is This?"* Carol 137

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

[Refrain:]

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (Refrain)

## 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*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*†The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

I. Advent in Biblical Perspective  
*The Messiah King*  
"The Messiah King and His Kingdom"  
Isaiah 9

## 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*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

*"The Doxology"* (Veni, Emmanuel)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all people here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!

**The Postlude**

*"Beautiful Savior"* (Anonymous)

\*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 10:50 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 also "signed" each week in the Worship Center. Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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## EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

*A Service of Ordination for Stephen King*

Leadership in Biblical Perspective

*A Service of Ordination*

"Leadership Counts"

Various Texts

Pastor Reeder