

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• DECEMBER 3, 2021 •

Walk Through NATIVITY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

OPEN FROM 6:45–8:45 P.M.

USE THE ACTON ROAD ENTRANCE

O Come let us adore Him! You are invited to attend this year's Walk Through Nativity 2021. You are sure to enjoy this beautiful and moving dramatic presentation of the life of Jesus Christ from His birth to His resurrection. Ponder in front of the manger, imagine yourself as a shepherd, or reflect beside the cross as you walk through the Briarwood Walk Through Nativity. As one of Birmingham's most poignant Christmas depictions, it is an exciting, memorable way to share the story of our Savior's birth.

Let's join together and invite our neighbors, friends, and family to come and experience this fun, creative, impactful annual Christmas event at Briarwood. As they stroll the wheelchair and stroller friendly quarter-mile walk enjoying the twelve scenes with live actors and animals depicting the true Story of Jesus, they will hear the Gospel of Christ. This will give a great opportunity for follow up conversations about the Good news of Jesus.

Join us in prayer for our Lord to use this time in a special way this year. And, make plans now to attend the Walk Through Nativity 2021!



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA

2200 Briarwood Way
Birmingham, AL 35243
205.776.5200 • info@briarwood.org
briarwood.org

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.

Sunday Morning Worship *

Dec. 26 - 10:00 a.m.

*(No Sunday School
or evening worship)*

* Nursery available; reservations required at briarwood.org/nursery.



Christmas Poinsettias

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).



Children's Christmas Program • Sun., Dec. 5 • 6:00 p.m. • Worship Center
Make Nursery reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.



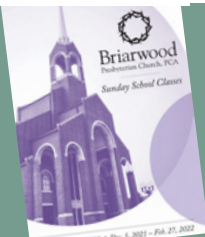
Make Nursery reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.



Sun., Dec. 19
6:00 p.m. • Worship Center

You are invited to this dramatic presentation by our Music, Drama and Ballet Ministries.

Make Nursery reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.



Winter Sunday School Quarter begins this Sun., Dec. 5.

Go to briarwood.org/ss for listing of class subjects and teachers.



Celebration of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – December 5, 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

'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 47:1-2

[All:] Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “Mary, Did You Know?” (Lowery)

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

Kevin and Deidre Lott (8:00)

Bryant and Stacy Moore (10:50)

The Receiving of New Members (10:50)

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Carol of Ascents

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (arr. Krogstad)

Joel Megginson and Carrie Turner, soloists

[Choir:]

Let us adore Him. Let us adore Christ the Lord!

[Men:]

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

[All:]

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!

[Women:]

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.

[All:]

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

[Men:]

O Come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

[All:]

O Come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!

[Solo:]

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light:
The Angels sang the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced.
And at His blessed birth the stars their exaltation voiced.*

[All:]

O Come, let us adore Him;
O Come, let us adore Him;
O Come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!

[Choir:]

Let us adore Him. Let us adore Christ, the Lord! Let us adore Him!

*The Confession of Truth

James 1:5

[All:] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

[Leader:] *The Word of the Lord.*

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19*

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

*The Season of Worship through the Carols of Christmas

"How Great Our Joy!" Carol 144 vv. 1, 4

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Carol 138 vv. 1, 3

"There's Just Something About That Name"

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tiding brought an angel bright.

[Refrain:]

How great our joy! Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy—joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill. (Refrain)

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

[Refrain:] [Solo:]

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

[All:]

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

That Jesus Christ is born!

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim—

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name. (Repeat)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***†The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

II. Advent in Biblical Perspective
The Messiah King
"Wonderful Counselor"
Isaiah 9:1-7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

"The Advent of Our God" Carol 120 v. 1

The Advent of our God with eager hearts we greet;
And we must praise Him in this hour with hymns and anthems sweet.

The Postlude

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (Montgomery)

*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.

Texts used with permission granted through CCLI License agreement 124545.

Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version.