

THE
BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• DECEMBER 24, 2021 •

the
Messiah King
ISAIAH 9:6

Join us on
Christ Sunday, December 26
for one worship service
at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School
or evening worship.

The Bookstore will also be closed.

We will return to our normal schedule
January 2.



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MID
Week

We're Back!

Live and in person

Wednesdays starting January 12

Hot meal and something for everyone

briarwood.org/midweek

WOMEN'S SPRING STUDIES 2022



Ladies, go to briarwood.org/women now to see and register for the nine studies available this winter and spring. Studies are offered during the morning and evening, Monday through Thursday. Studies begin the week of January 10.

MEN'S STUDIES WINTER 2022



Men may choose from four studies beginning the week of January 10, with early morning and lunchtime meeting times.

Go to briarwood.org/men to see the details.

In accordance to the Book of Church Order the following men were elected by members of Briarwood Presbyterian Church on Dec. 12, 2021 for the offices of elder and deacon.

Deacons Class of 2024: Hank Abbott, Tim Ayers, Bill Black, Chris Blazer, Bob Blount, Bradford Bondurant, Sid Borland, Ernie Brown, Andrew Clark, David Clark, Ryan Corcoran, Mike Felton, Ken Gables, Brent Gilbert, John Livingston, Kevin Lott, Steve Mace, Colin McCown, Richard McDonald, Joel Megginson, Brad Partee Robert Paul, Blake Phillips, John Rollins, Robert Rutledge, John Salmon, Scott Summers, Ryan Thompson, Ethan Tidmore, Adrian VanderWoude, David Wells, Paul Whitcomb, Ben Willson, Tony Wright

Elders Class of 2024: Steve Adams, Billy Ball, David Battles, Bill Brazeal, David Cooper, Jeff Flannery Jr., Christopher Frost, Steve Gathings, Stephen Hodges, Charlie Hoke, Todd Johnson, Dave Mace, Lee McCarty, Andy McGehee, Bryant Moore, Mac Morson, Bob Roark, Tim Scott, Dale Sitton, Warren Smedley, Albert Smith, Scott Stewart, Bob Turnbull, Dave Wood, Charles Woodall, (*non-voting elder*) Brett McAlpin

The church and school offices will be closed Fri., Dec. 31 and Sat., Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday. The gates will close on Thurs., Dec. 30 at 9:00 p.m. and re-open on Sun., Jan. 2 at 5:30 a.m.

Year-End Giving

The Accounting Office will close for the year on Fri., Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m. The church will be closed, as well the Altadena Road entrance gate, so please use the Acton Road entrance and enter through the door closest to the Accounting Office on the Administration Building side. Contributions received in the mail must be postmarked or cancelled by Fri., Dec. 31 to qualify as a gift in the year 2021. Contributions with January 2022 postmarks will be considered 2022 contributions.

When giving gifts of securities and to insure your contribution is processed accurately and efficiently, notify Matt Moore, 205-776-5205, or Kim Vice, kbvice@briarwood.org, at the time of your gift.



Celebration of Worship

CHRIST SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP – December 26, 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

Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 138:4-5

[All:] All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

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

Our great God, Sovereign of the universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, and not only love us with an everlasting love, but redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Advent Reading

The Reeder Family

*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

The Nicene Creed

[Leader:] *Christians, what do we believe concerning God, the Father?*

[All:] **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

[Leader:] *Christians, what do we believe concerning God, the Son?*

[All:] We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all the worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

[Leader:] *Christians, what do we believe concerning God, the Holy Spirit?*

[All:] We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *universal

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:1

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe 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

*"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" (MacGimsey)
Hunter Goff, soloist*

The Season of Worship through the Carols of Christmas

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Carol 128 • "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Carol 133 •
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Carol 141 v. 1*

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, From heav'n's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still thru the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

[Refrain:]

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. (Refrain)

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. (Refrain)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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

***The Prayer of Illumination**

****The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

V. Advent in Biblical Perspective

The Messiah King

"Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:1-7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Willcocks)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

[Chorus:]

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

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing! (Chorus)

The Postlude

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn)

*The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

† K4-3rd grade dismiss to the Children's Auditorium for worship. Pick up children there following service.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform.

Service is broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and available online at briarwood.org/livetv.