



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*For God's glory, we are committed
to equipping Christians to worship God
and to reach Birmingham
to reach the world
for Christ.*

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship – November 6, 2022

Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 24:1

All: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

*Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but rule over me in liberty and power. adapted from *The Valley of Vision**

The Choral Introit (10:55)

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
Briarwood Children's Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"May Jesus Christ Be Praised" Hymn 87 (vv. 1, 2, 6)

"Fairest Lord Jesus" Hymn 88 (vv. 1, 4)

"Our Great Savior" Hymn 89 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

The Confession of Truth*

I Peter 4:7–11

Leader: *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

All: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Leader: *Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

All: To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3

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 and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9–10

Musical Offering of Worship

"This Is My Father's World"
Sanctuary Choir

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Build My Life"
"Take My Life"

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

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

I Corinthians 4:1–2

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

Every Member Commitment Sunday

Discovering the Gift of Giving

"Getting Started"

I Corinthians 4:1–2

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

The Receiving of Pledges

"I Will Offer Up My Life"
Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

"Lift High the Cross"

*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 also "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM.

The 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. services are available online at briarwood.org/livestream.

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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Dr. Jonathan Rodgers
Samford University

Welcome Bobby Parks

Call to Worship Psalm 150:1

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*

All: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* Samford Worship Arts Ensemble
Dr. Jonathan Rodgers, Director

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Samford Worship Arts Ensemble
Dr. Jonathan Rodgers, Director

Sermon and Scripture Pastor Reeder

IV. Zechariah in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel According to Zechariah
“Vision #1 – The Horseman, Part 2”
Zechariah 1:7–17

Benediction*

Doxology* John Haines

Postlude

GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

We're delighted you are worshiping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have and minister to you in any way. After the service, please stop by the foyer so that we may offer you a small gift to acknowledge your presence with us. I pray that this morning's worship will be all about Him and not about us, and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

–Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Angel Tree “Angels” — Today and Sunday, November 13. Come claim your “Angel” from displays in the Chapel and Bookstore area. Gifts are due Sunday, November 20. Contact Jenny Allen at jallen@briarwood.org for more information.

Operation Christmas Child — Due by November 13. Pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child’s life with the love of Jesus! Shoeboxes will be available in the Ministries and Chapel Lobbies and must be turned in to the Children’s Auditorium Hallway. Please include \$10 for shipping. If you would like to build a box online (\$25), please visit briarwood.org/childrenevents.

Winter Clothing Drive — Ending Monday, November 7. Help welcome international students at UAB by donating gently used or new winter clothing. Please drop off items outside the missions office. For information, email Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org.

Mid-Term Elections — Tuesday, November 8. The Prayer Room will be open all day and there will be prayer sheets available. Contact Dave at dmatthews@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers “Biscuits and Boxes” — Tuesday November 8 at 9:00 a.m. Come pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Cassie Poarch from OCC will share about the ministry. For information, contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

Pastor’s Inquirers’ Class — Starting Wednesday, November 9. Newcomers and prospective members must attend classes on November 9, 12 and 13 as well as a luncheon on November 20. By attending classes, you are not obligated to join. For more information or to sign up, email wlong@briarwood.org.

Christmas Poinsettias — November 6–December 4. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone this Advent season. \$20 dedications are available for purchase in the Membership Office or online at briarwood.org/poinsettia.

Flag Retirement Ceremony — Monday, November 14, at 6:30. at the Soccer Field Parking Lot. Briarwood’s Trail Life Troop will retire worn flags. All are invited to attend.

Congregational Meetings — The Session has called Congregational Meetings for Sunday, December 4 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2025 and Sunday, December 11 for the purposes of receiving the 2023 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on December 4. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:55 a.m. service. There will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. on December 11 to receive the 2023 budget.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff — There are a number of full and part-time ministry positions open: Board Directed Ministries, Music Worship, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, Briarwood Christian School and Church Facilities.

See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“A Christmas Carol” – Briarwood Fine Arts Academy | November 10 & 12

Briarwood High School presents Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” on November 10 and 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or briarwoodchristianschool.org/fine-arts/drama/tickets.

EMC Canvass Sunday — Every Member Commitment | November 13

Members who have not made a commitment or otherwise contacted the church are contacted by church officers. For details, go to briarwood.org/emc.

Christmas at the Caroline House — Briarwood Women | November 15 & 16

Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Come and be encouraged by the program focused on the Good News we have in Jesus Christ. Tickets are on sale in the Bookstore for \$15. For details, go to briarwood.org/cch.

I Cared Enough — Daniel Cason KIDS Ministry | November 22

Donate and help distribute food to the needy in downtown Birmingham. For information contact Daniel Cason at 205-365-1800 or go to danielcason.org.

Walk Through Nativity — Briarwood Evangelism | December 7, 8 & 9

December 7, 8, and 9 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Over 750 volunteer actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene-builders and greeters are needed for this year’s Walk Through! Call 205-776-5282 or sign up online at briarwood.org/nativity by November 23.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Missions Prayer — Pray for John and Kelley Beth who serve with MTW in India, a country where the government is unlawfully questioning foreigners living in the country and Christians are persecuted. Pray the Lord will provide justice and a new location to hold worship services. (The flag of India is featured in today’s worship service.)

Members Hospitalized — Philip Coker, Carolyn Crowe, Bob Hand, Diana Faulkner, Jim Price, Marilyn Williams, L.G. Wright, Donna Rutledge

Our Love and Sympathy — to Gay Wright and family on the death of her stepbrother, Chuck Anderson, on October 26; and to Jeff, Grant and Matthew Hester on the death of their grandmother, Judy Hester, on October 26.

We rejoice with — Josh and Beth Anne Lee on the birth of their son, Easton Welch, on October 30, and with grandparents Mark and Darby Travers and great-grandparents Chuck and Alene Morgan.

The flowers in the Worship Center last Sunday — were given to the glory of God from the wedding of Mary Beth Carlisle and Matthew Bush on Saturday, October 29.

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