



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 13, 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 145:4

All: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare
Your mighty acts.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Blessed Assurance”
Hunter Goff

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You. Adapted from The Valley of Vision.

Choral Introit

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus”
Women's Ensemble

Sacrament of Infant Baptism (8:00)

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“My Hope Is in the Lord” Hymn 406

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 119:97; 19:7–8

Leader: *Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.*

All: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Musical Offering of Worship

"Is He Worthy?"

Briarwood Youth Choir / Luke and Laney Phillee, Soloists

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Sovereign Over Us"

Hannah Brennan, Worship Assistant

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*†

Romans 7:21–25

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XLVII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"The Law of God and the Gospel of God – Part 4"

Romans 7:21–25

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"To God Be the Glory" Hymn 66

Postlude

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*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 *“Brethren We Have Met to Worship”*
Briarwood Orchestra

Welcome Rob Looper

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*

All: Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“O Worship the King”* Hymn 10
“Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn 262
“Amazing Grace” Hymn 202
“Behold Our God”
Briarwood Orchestra / Chris Neugent, Director

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“Great Is His Faithfulness”*

Sermon and Scripture Pastor Reeder

V. Zechariah in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel According to Zechariah
“Vision #1 – The Horseman, Part 3”
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 in the Chapel and Bookstore area. Come claim your “Angel” from displays. Gifts are due Sunday, November 20. For more information, contact Jenny Allen at jallen@briarwood.org.

Operation Christmas Child — Leave your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in the Children’s Auditorium Hallway. Next Sunday morning is the last time to turn them in. If you would like to build a box online (\$25), visit briarwood.org/childrenevents and scroll down to the link for Operation Christmas Child.

Christmas Poinsettias — On sale until Sunday, December 4. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone this Advent season. The Cost is \$20 per plant/dedication. Purchasing envelopes are available in the Worship Center Lobby Information Booth or you can order online at briarwood.org/poinsettia.

Flag Retirement Ceremony — Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church Soccer Field Parking Lot. Join the Trail Life troop as they retire old American Flags according to the U.S. Flag Code.

Trailblazers Travel — March 27–31, Charleston, South Carolina. Trip includes historic Charleston City Market, Harbor Cruise, Guided Tour, Middleton Place, historic Charleston home and Charleston plantation. Trip price is \$715 and the \$75 deposit is due November 30. Contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

Sacrament of Baptism — Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Marie Gathings at 205-776-5204 or mgathings@briarwood.org for available dates. If you’re interested in a “New Believer” baptism, contact Wendy Long at 205-776-5208.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Dave Matthews leads a study of Matthew in A105 on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Men’s Prayer Group — Meets each Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Building. Contact Dave Matthews for information at dmatthews@briarwood.org.

The Flowers in the Worship Center Lobby — are given to the glory of God in honor of the men and women who served our country through service in the military.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Nursery Administrative Supervisor — This position is full-time with benefits and supports the director of the nursery with day-to-day needs, interacts with parents, and supports nursery staff who are working in the rooms. Contact Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214 for more information on hours, pay and responsibilities.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Come Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to be encouraged by the Good News we have in Jesus Christ. Go to briarwood.org/cch.

Service of Thanksgiving — Evening Worship | November 20

Come next Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. for a service of praise and thanksgiving. Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to reflect on their thankfulness to the Lord at the conclusion of the worship service.

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 | December 7, 8 & 9

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

Lunch with Congressman Gary Palmer — Trailblazers | December 11

Join Trailblazers on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome Congressman Gary Palmer. Get your tickets (\$12) in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayers — Pray for the safety of all our elected officials and may the presence of God be in all they do. Praise the Lord for the impact Debi Deboer with First Priority is having with students on school campuses in the Greater Birmingham area! Pray for Debi and the First Priority team as they help the local church extend its ministry to school campuses. Also pray they will teach students to share the hope of Jesus Christ with every student in their school. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Members Hospitalized — Paul Bentley, Philip Coker, Bob Hand, Diana Faulkner, Jim Price, Dianne Greene, Windsu Kelly, Judy Megginson, Brady Saville

Our Love and Sympathy — to David Neel Jr., Thomas Neel, Rick Neel, Karen Smith, Hadden Smith IV, Kerstin Quartel, Jessica Crain and family on the death of their father, grandfather, brother-in-law and uncle, David Neel, Sr., on November 1; to Sarah Anne and Ben Hedrick and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Mark Grant, on November 4; and to Mike and Jonathan Sanders and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Pauline Sanders, on November 5.

We Rejoice — with Brad and Holly Nichols on the birth of their daughter, Elle Bradford, on November 7, and with grandparents Jim and Carolyn Bradford and great-grandparents Tom and Mary Anne Bradford; and with Chadman and Ashley Ponter on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Kate, on November 8, and grandparents Jim and Cindy Belyeu.