



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 20, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 51:7

All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"
Briarwood Orchestra

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. – from The Book of Common Worship

Invocation

Reception of Communicants (10:55)

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"And Can It Be?" Hymn 203

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe?*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *universal

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"Rejoice"

Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist
Briarwood Orchestra and Sanctuary Choir

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Jesus Paid It All" Hymn 210

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

I Corinthians 11:17-34

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

The Lord's Supper in Biblical Perspective
"The Lord's Supper and Giving Thanks"
I Corinthians 11:17-34

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

***The Hymn of Preparation**

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" Hymn 175

Fencing of the Table

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Leading in Worship*

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge that we were conceived and born in iniquity, and mourn our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Your Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may hereafter Serve and please You In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Your Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Receiving of the Elements

"Ah, Holy Jesus"
Cindy Reeder, Soloist

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" Hymn 175

Postlude

Hunter Goff

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude John Haines

Choral Introit *“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”*
Briarwood Youth Choir

Welcome Bruce Stallings

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Thanksgiving* *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* Hymn 559
“For the Beauty of the Earth” Hymn 560
“We Gather Together” Hymn 561

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”*

Sermon and Scripture Pastor Reeder

“Thanksgiving: A Unique Holiday”
Selected Texts

Season of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Benediction*

Doxology* John Haines

Postlude

*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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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Advent Recommendations from Pastor Reeder — Just as Mary prepared for Jesus, these books will help you, your family, and your neighbor prepare for Christ to be the center of your celebration. *Gifts of Grace* is a great adult or teen devotional that will build your anticipation for Christmas. *The God of Amazing Gifts* is a wonderful devotional for your family as it provides lots of interaction. *The Ultimate Christmas Wishlist* by evangelist Rico Tice is ideal to give away at Christmas to those seeking hope, peace, and purpose. Shop the Bookstore to select what's right for you! The online store is always open at briarwood.org/adventreading.

Angel Tree — Angel Tree gifts are due today in front of the Bookstore! You can also make online donations toward gifts at briarwood.org/childrensoutreach. Volunteers are needed to work the Saturday, December 3 party. Contact Jenny Allen at jallen@briarwood.org.

Operation Christmas Child — This morning is the last time you can leave your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in the Children's Auditorium Hallway. You can still build a box online (\$25) at briarwood.org/childrenevents.

Church and School Offices Closed — November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

Community Food Drive — Begin gathering your canned goods/non-perishables to bring Sunday, December 4 to support Love in Action Ministries. You leave behind your vehicle that Sunday for pick up by the Mercy Ministry Team while in church.

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.

Trailblazers Day Trip — Tuesday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a Colonial Christmas lunch and tour at the American Village. Tickets are \$40 in the Bookstore. For information, contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

Lunch with Congressman Gary Palmer — 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.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Assimilation Coordinator for Membership Office — Part-time position for a member requires the ability to successfully interact with a wide range of personalities and have basic computer skills for administrative duties. Morning hours with some evening and weekend work will be required. Send resume to Wendy Long at wlong@briarwood.org.

International Outreach Administrative Assistants — Join the Missions Team serving our international congregations through this part-time position. Send inquiries and resumes to hmcDougall@briarwood.org.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Children's Christmas Choir — Briarwood Music | December 4

Come Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center to hear the Children's Choirs of Briarwood as they bless us and begin our Christmas season!

Emmanuel, God With Us — Briarwood Ballet | December 11

Join the Briarwood Ballet Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center, as they lead us in worship this Advent season with their presentation of "Emmanuel, God With Us." More details online at briarwood.org/ballet.

Hallelujah! The King Is Coming — Briarwood Christmas Festival | December 18

Come experience Advent through the dramatic presentation of "Hallelujah! The King Is Coming" on Sunday, December 18 This gift of talents from our Music, Drama and Ballet Ministries will also include beloved music of Advent.

See Briarwood's full Advent Schedule at briarwood.org/advent.
Make nursery reservations for Advent events at briarwood.org/nursery.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for the sons and daughters of the earth to hear the call of our God and come to Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Pray for the upcoming Lampstand Conference that will be held at Briarwood January 12–15. Pray the Lord will prepare the heart of each pastor and church leader who will attend. Pray these churches will be encouraged as the Lampstand speakers share from God's word the strategies for church health and vitality. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Members Hospitalized — Philip Coker, Diana Faulkner, Bob Hand, Melinda Blackmon, Joan Bell

Our Love and Sympathy — to the family of member Carolyn Crowe on her death on November 14.

We rejoice with — Charlton and Holly Hollon on the birth of their daughter, Chloé Camillia, on November 13 and with grandparents Doug and Gabriele Cook and Jim and Julie Hollon.

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