



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 – Sunday, January 22, 2023

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

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

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 86:1–2

All: Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in You—
You are my God.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Hunter Goff

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invocation

Sacrament of Baptism

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymns of Ascents*

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn 64

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 139:13–16

Leader: *For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.*

All: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

Recognition of Sanctity of Life Partners

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

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

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs *"Creation Sings the Father's Song"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

New Testament Reading*†

John 6:1-15

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

II. Project Andrew:
Bring Them to Him
"Andrew Bringing a Young Boy... and More"
John 6:1-15

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
For the love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"Rise Up, O Church of God" Hymn 293

Postlude

"Worthy of Worship"

*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

Welcome

Rob Looper

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:2

All: I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

“Christ Our Hope In Life and Death”

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

“On Christ the Solid Rock”

Shane Davis, Worship Leader

Announcements

Sanctity of Life Season of Prayer

Offertory

Daniel Cason, Soloist

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Reeder

VIII. Zechariah In Biblical Perspective

“Vision Number Four: The Gospel According to Zechariah”

Zechariah 3

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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

Your 2023 Quiet Time — The Bookstore has many materials available to lead your quiet time this year. Here are some of Pastor Reeder's recommendations: *ESV Every Day Bible: 365 Readings through the Whole Bible*, *One Year Chronological Bibles* (large print available), *Truth for Life Vol. Two* by Alistair Begg, *Tabletalk* subscription from Ligonier Ministries, and *Fresh Bread* podcast by Pastor Reeder. Contact the Bookstore for help with any of these resources at 205-776-5210 or bookstore@briarwood.org.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (adult, children and infant) and acetaminophen for their mission trips to the Dominican Republic this spring. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

Men's and Women's Winter/Spring Studies — Men of the Covenant and Women's studies offer both morning and evening classes for men and women this quarter. View men's classes at briarwood.org/men and women's studies at briarwood.org/women.

Midweek at Briarwood — Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities for the entire family start at 6:30 p.m. Find a list of classes and opportunities at briarwood.org/midweek.

GriefShare — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our video/small group program that offers comfort and encouragement. Workbook \$15. Call 205-776-5227.

Adult Ballet Classes — Starting tomorrow, January 23. Briarwood Ballet is offering an Adult Beginner Ballet class. Come dance with us! Register at briarwood.org/balletclasses.

Trailblazers Travel — March 27–31, Charleston, South Carolina. Trip includes historic home, plantation, Charleston City Market, Middleton Place, and cruise. Cost is \$715 and deposit is due by January 20. Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

Trailblazers Trip Meeting — February 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come learn about the trip to Tuscany this September 27–October 5. Contact Sharon Johnston at sjohnston@briarwood.org for details.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Mail Room/Print Services Clerk — Full-time position with benefits. Clerk will manage shipping, receiving, and copy room printing for Briarwood ministries. Position requires a quick learner who can work independently, adapt to technology changes, be a problem-solver, and have a helpful and friendly attitude. Contact Landon McKee at lmckee@briarwood.org.

Director of Counseling Ministry — The Director needs to be a experienced counselor with experience leading a counseling ministry and a commitment to counsel and train others in Biblical Counseling. He will either be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org or call at 205-776-5282.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

In-Town Women's Retreat — Briarwood Women | February 3-4

Join us for "Journey Together Briarwomen" hosted by the Women's Ministry. Find details and register by January 23 at briarwood.org/women.

Sportsman's Blast — Men's Ministry | February 10

February 10 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the FH. Bring a friend for a BBQ dinner and to hear a gospel message from Jerry Leachman, former University of Alabama football player and chaplain for Fox News. For additional information go to briarwood.org/blast. Tickets are available for purchase in the Briarwood Bookstore.

YBL Winter Breakfast — Young Business Leaders | February 24

Join us for the YBL Winter Breakfast with Ennis Whatley. Ennis was a standout point guard at the University of Alabama and a 10-year NBA career member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Come hear Ennis' personal story of struggle, courage and faith. Register online at ybl.org/events.

Men's Sporting Clay Outing — Briarwood Men | March 11

Men, come test your aim and join us for a time of brotherhood and fellowship Saturday, March 11 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at Selwood Farm. The registration cost is only \$25, but space is limited. Ammo will be provided with registration and a shotgun can be provided with an additional fee. Register at briarwood.org/events.

Make nursery reservations for events at briarwood.org/nursery.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Praise the Lord! *Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!* Psalm 40:4

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for God's presence to dwell within our homes, our churches and our government. Pray for Cynthia Ruble's crisis pregnancy and post-abortion counseling ministry in Japan, Life Hope Network. Her ministry houses women during and after giving birth and also has a multi-purpose neighborhood café for evangelism, counseling, Bible studies, and church services. Pray God will graciously continue to use her and her staff to reach women through these ministries. (The flag of Japan is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized: Frank Barker III, Phillip Coker, Doris Davis, Bob Hand

Our love and sympathy — to Adrian VanderWoude and family on the death of his brother, Jim VanderWoude, on January 11; and to Gloria Witt, Ruth Hudson and family on the death of their father, Lenard Hudson, on January 14.

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