



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

Global Ministries Conference – Sunday, February 26, 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

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

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 96:2–3

Leader: *Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.*

All: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"This Is My Father's World"

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

Choral Introit (10:55 am)

"Go"

Briarwood Children's Choir

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymns of Ascents and Flag Processional*

"Jesus Shall Reign" Hymn 231

The Confession of Truth*

Matthew 28:16–20

Leader: *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.*

All: And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

Leader: *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.*

All: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so... Psalm 107:2

Global Ministry Partners

Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

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*

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

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*

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"The Lord Gave the Word!"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"The Lord Almighty Reign"
Briarwood Praise Team, Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
*...but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2*

Prayer of Illumination*

Old Testament Reading*†

Psalm 145:1-3

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Sandy L. Willson

I. Global Ministries Conference 2023
Tell the Wonderful Story
"Tell the Wonderful Story - To God Himself"
Psalm 145:1-3

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Response*

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Hymn 296 (v. 1)

Postlude

"Jesus Messiah"

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Hunter Goff

Welcome Bryan Wintersteen

Song of Praise* *“O Zion, Haste”* Hymn 298 (vv. 1, 4)

Announcements and Prayer

Scripture and Sermon Dr. Sandy L. Willson

II. Global Ministries Conference 2023

Tell the Wonderful Story

“Tell the Wonderful Story – To Your Descendants”

Psalm 145:4-7

GLOW (Go Light Our World)

Glimpse Instructions

Postlude

Missionary Glimpses

*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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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

Communion — Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts to receive Communion on Sunday, March 5 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

VBS 2023 — June 5–9. We are busy making plans! Mark your calendars to attend. Registration will open in April. Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org if you are interested in volunteering that week. We need empty Crystal Light containers for VBS. Drop off your containers in the VBS Staff mailbox on the first floor M Hall.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class — This class for newcomers and prospective members begins March 8. It includes one Wednesday night class (March 8), one Saturday morning class (March 11), one Sunday morning class (March 12) and, for those who are joining, a luncheon (March 19). By attending, you are not obligated to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 205-776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Graduate Information Needed — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form on the website. High school seniors go to briarwood.org/seniors. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

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

Camp Briarwood Counselors — Camp Briarwood is looking for counselors for the 2023 Day and Overnight Camps this summer. Go to campbriarwood.org for information.

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.

Trailblazers Travel — September 27–October 5. Join us as we explore Tuscany. Contact Sharon at 205-776-5320 or go to briarwood.org/trailblazers for more information.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in appreciation of our missionaries for their faithful service. The flowers were given to the Love Ministry in memory of Pete Weston from his funeral.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

CMMA Ministry Assistant — Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama is seeking a full-time administrative and ministry assistant for support of its operational and ministerial programs. Contact Molly McLain at mmclain@briarwood.org if interested.

BTS Admissions and Development Specialist — Part time position (30 hours) requiring experience in college or graduate admissions. Email ike@bts.education if interested.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Global Ministries Conference Glimpses — Briarwood Missions | February 26–March 2

Be sure to join us as we continue the 2023 Global Ministries Conference this week. Each night of the conference you will have an opportunity to take a peek into the lives of our visiting missionaries through dinners and Glimpses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with the Covered Dish Dinners on Thursday. See today's Bulletin insert for times and locations. The full conference schedule is online at briarwood.org/gmc.

GLOW — Children's Missions | February 26–March 1

During the Global Ministries Conference, children K4–6th grade will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be plenty of fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great teaching about missions. Bring your child to the auditorium tonight through Wednesday night. No registration required.

Women's Missionary Coffee — Briarwood Women | February 28

Tuesday, February 28 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register for the coffee at briarwood.org/women. Nursery available by reservation.

College Missions Conference — Briarwood College | March 2–3

The College Missions Conference begins Thursday, March 2 and continues through Friday, March 3 starting with dinner at The Barn at 6:15 p.m. Join us for a time of food, worship, and connecting with our missionary speakers. Register at briarwood.org/college.

Faith Promise Sunday — Briarwood Missions | March 5

During our Global Ministries Conferences, Briarwood includes the opportunity for our members to respond to what they have seen and heard by sacrificially investing in missionary work around the world. We have adopted the Faith Promise as our process for making a pledge to give a specified amount, trusting by faith that God will provide the resources systematically, sacrificially and/or supernaturally. As you have engaged in the Missions Conference this week, be praying and seeking God's will for what He would have you promise by faith. Your Faith Promise cards can be turned in next Sunday.

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

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for the safety and health of our visiting missionaries as they travel to us for the Global Ministries Conference. Pray that they and we will be inspired by our time together. Ask the Lord to prepare our hearts this week as we hear Him calling from His Word as Dr. Sandy Willson and our missionaries speak to us. Pray we will be challenged to connect with the missionaries, to pray for them, and to participate in the Faith Promise.

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