



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

Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 2, 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 118:26

All: Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Briarwood Orchestra

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Threlfall) Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

Invocation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

Gospel Word of Salvation

Children's Palm Processional

"Jesus Loves Me" Hymn 579 (vv. 1, 2)

Cindy Reeder, Soloist

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymns of Ascents*

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Hymn 173

The Confession of Truth*

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:9, 10

Leader: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

All: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me;
hear my words. Psalm 17:6*

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 Tithe and Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"Psalm 24"

Briarwood Choir, Orchestra and Praise Team

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

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 12:12-19

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective
Palm Sunday – The Triumphal Entry
"The King and His Coming"
John 12:12-19

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Benediction*

Congregational Response*

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Hymn 228 (v. 1)

Postlude

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

*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.



Fernando Ortega in Concert – Palm Sunday Worship Concert

Sunday Evening Fernando Ortega leads us in a worship concert at 6:00 p.m. for Holy Week Preparation. This event will be free and open to the public. This event will not be live-streamed.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maundy Thursday Communion Service — Holy Week 2023 | April 6 *

Maundy Thursday is the night that the Passover was transformed and translated from the Old Covenant Meal to the New Covenant Lord's Supper. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a service of remembrance and celebration with Communion at the Tables.

Good Friday — Holy Week 2023 | April 7 *

Join us at noon on as we assemble in the Worship Center for a Service of Reflection on the Cross with Bible readings and the singing of the great Atonement hymns.

Easter Sunday — Holy Week 2023 | April 9 *

Resurrection Lord's Day we celebrate our risen Savior with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and worship services at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. What a great privilege to declare on that day that "He is Risen!" We conclude Holy Week with Voice of the Martyrs artists, Gary and Amy (Shreve) Wixtrom, in concert for an Easter evening celebration at 6:00 p.m.

Project Andrew Training — Briarwood Evangelism | April 12, 19 & 26 *

Join us this April for three evangelism training sessions in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30–7:30 p.m. This training will be focused on "Bringing Them to Him" as a part of this year's focus on personal evangelism. Register for dinner and nursery by April 10 at briarwood.org/midweek.

Working Women's Fellowship Dinner — Women's Ministry | April 20

Join us Thursday, April 20 in Fellowship Hall E&F at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship and encouragement. The cost is \$7 at the door. Register at briarwood.org/women.

* Nursery is available upon reservation only at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John 12:13

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come forth and bring revival to God's land. May this special time of the year ignite a flame in the hearts of those that do not know Jesus. Pray for our International Friendship Partners as many of them will be attending church on Easter with their American Friendship Partner. Pray God would use this time to bring about spiritual conversation and curiosity to learn who Jesus Christ is and come to know Him personally. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Frank Barker III, Mal Brown, Bill Feist, Wales Goebel, Sheridan Shirley, Lynn Smith, French Forbes

Our love and sympathy — to Wayne Pate and family on the death of his wife, member Liz Pate, on March 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Palm Sunday Children's Triumphant Entry — Today all K4–6th graders are welcome to line up at the ramp between the Worship Center Lobby and Chapel 15 minutes before the morning services. After the processional, K4–3rd graders will go to Children's Worship and 4th–6th graders will go back to the service to sit with their parents.

Welcome New Members — John Brown, Meg Chambers, Sandy Fontaine, Cecil & Susan Jones, Jeff & Pam McKee, Jackie Morris, Brad & Katrina Porter, Molly Smith, Garrett & Bailey Woodham.

"The Doors of the Bible" Art Exhibit — On display for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services in the Worship Center Lobby. Briarwood Christian High School advanced art students created works on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Communion — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on April 6 for the Maundy Thursday service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Church and School Offices Closed — Friday, April 7 for Good Friday.

Easter Bookstore Shopping — Visit the Briarwood Bookstore for a beautiful selection of Easter books and gifts. We will be closed Good Friday so plan to shop early! Our regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m and Sunday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Graduate Information Needed — All BYG and College Graduating Seniors, to effectively minister and recognize you it is critically important that you take a moment to visit the website and fill out the information form by Monday, April 17. High school seniors go to briarwood.org/seniors. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college-ministry.

VBS 2023 — June 5–9. Registration will open April 4! To volunteer email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Register your child for VBS at briarwood.org/vbs.

Faith Promise Pledges — Turn in your Faith Promise card during a worship service, mail your card to Briarwood, email faithpromise@briarwood.org with your commitment, or fill out the form at briarwood.org/faithpromise.

Leadership Lessons from the Battlefields — July 10–14. Travel with Pastor Reeder as we visit Lexington, Winchester, Antietam, Gettysburg, Manassas, and Appomattox to learn leadership lessons in the context Civil War battlefields. Space is limited! Contact Leigh Anne Reese at 205-776-5301 or lreese@briarwood.org.

The Ark and Creation Museum — July 3–5. Travel to Kentucky with Trailblazers and Pastor Reeder to tour the Ark and Creation Museum. For more information, contact Sharon at 205-776-5320 or sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Liz Pate from her funeral on Monday, March 27.