



# *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.*

BRIARWOOD.ORG

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship – Sunday, October 1, 2023

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## Worship Leaders

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 138:2

All: You have exalted above all things Your Name and Your Word.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

Daniel Cason, Soloist

*O Great I Am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. adapted from The Valley of Vision*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"The Solid Rock"* Hymn 404

## The Confession of Truth\*

Hebrews 11:1, 2

All: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*

## Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

## Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!*

*Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

### Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

#### Musical Offering of Worship

*"Order My Steps"*

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

#### Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*

*"Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life"*

## 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\*†

Matthew 15:21-28

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Joel Beeke

Chancellor of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary

*"How Christ Matures Our Faith"*

Matthew 15:21-28

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

#### Pastoral Benediction\*

#### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

#### Postlude

*"The Solid Rock"*

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\*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](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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## *In His Presence*

*presented by*

Briarwood Ballet

Sunday, October 1

6:00 p.m.

Briarwood Worship Center



*This Evening Service  
will not be live-  
streamed or available  
for online replay.*

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## WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

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. We 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.

– The Briarwood Church Family

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WBL Fall Luncheon** — Thursday, October 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Hear Julie Sparkman share about “The Impact of Personal Transformation” in your workplace and the world. Find information and purchase tickets at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**Adoption Connection Meeting** — Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. This group for adoption/foster families or others who want to support them, exists to ask, share, and support. Contact Carter Ralph at [w.carter.ralph@gmail.com](mailto:w.carter.ralph@gmail.com).

**Pathway to Preparation Training** — October 13–14. Join us for a hands-on workshop for women who are interested in growing their skills as Bible teachers, small group leaders and/or individuals just interested in enhancing their understanding of how to rightly understand the Word of God in their personal study. Register at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Trailblazers Coffee and Learn** — October 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear Registered Dietitian Amanda Bronner share about “Heart Healthy Eating.” Contact [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) to sign up or for questions.

**Working Women’s Fellowship Dinner** — October 17 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. You are invited to join us for dinner and an evening of fellowship, engagement and encouragement from those with shared experiences. Register at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes** — Start collecting your items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Pack a shoe box with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child’s life with the love of Jesus! Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be available in the ministries lobby beginning October 29.

**Trailblazer OCC Packing Party** — You can drop donations at the Membership Office or bring them with you to the Trailblazer Packing Party on Tuesday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) for information.

**Thrift Store Volunteers Needed** — New Direction Thrift Store in Fairfield is open for business and seeking volunteers. Store hours are Tuesday–Friday from 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Call store manager Alan Russell at 205-915-7095 to get involved.

**Our Season of Prayer Meetings** — Sundays at 5:15 p.m. in A-105. Our Church Family gathers weekly to pray together as we seek the Lord to lead us during this intermediate phase we are in. Email [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) with any questions.

**Women’s Fall Studies** — Women, pick from eight available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

**Men’s Fall Studies** — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Dinner is from 5:15–6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Register for dinners and nursery at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).



## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Ladies Luncheon with Mary Beeke — Briarwood Women | October 2 \***

Join us Monday, October 2 from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall E&F to hear speaker and *Table Talk* contributor Mary Beeke. Go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) to register and to find information.

### **Disaster Response Training — Church Mobilization | October 7**

Join us Saturday, October 7 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to receive training from Mission to North America (MNA) Regional Specialist Mike Kennamer on many ways to get involved in providing comfort to those who are impacted by disaster. Get additional information and register at [briarwood.org/disastertraining](http://briarwood.org/disastertraining).

### **IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 21 \***

Saturday, October 21 we kick-off our 2023 National Ministries Conference with IMPACT Birmingham. We are trusting the Lord that over 500 Briarwood members will volunteer to be mobilized in the Birmingham area. Find information and register at [briarwood.org/impactbirmingham](http://briarwood.org/impactbirmingham).

### **National Ministries Conference 2023 — Briarwood Missions | October 21–23 \***

Join us Sunday, October 22 and Monday, October 23 to hear our guest speaker Dr. Eric Watkins from San Marcos, California, and from various ministry partners during the Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday night. For details on the conference, go to [briarwood.org/nmc](http://briarwood.org/nmc).

\* Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood and Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for those who are sharing the Gospel at the NASCAR Race in Talladega today. Pray for our ministry partner Grace House. Pamela Reed Phipps and her staff are faithfully caring for 40 girls and teens in their foster care homes. They need women willing to walk alongside these hurting girls and men who can support from afar by caring for the grounds and helping with special projects. Pray these girls would see that they are loved deeply by their Creator and heavenly Father. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Diana Faulkner, Leigh McCarty

**We rejoice with** — David and Jennifer Bookout on the birth of their son, Peter William, on September 20, and with grandparents Buck and Gloria Witt and great-grandmother Jan Witt.

**Our love and sympathy** — to Duff Quenelle and family on the death of his father, Bill Quenelle, on September 26.

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