



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, October 15, 2023

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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 3:8

All: Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Balm in Gilead"

Hunter Goff, Organist

Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as "living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship." Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Jesus Saves!" Hymn 306

The Confession of Truth*

I Peter 4:7–11

Leader: *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.*

All: Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Leader: *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:*

All: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

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 & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

Musical Offering of Worship

"God So Loved the World"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

"He Will Hold Me Fast"
"Revelation Song"
"Jesus Paid It All"
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

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 Peter 4:1–6

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Randy Thompson
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Tuscumbia, Alabama

"Crisis Mode"
I Peter 4:1–6

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

Postlude

"Old 100th"

*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 Daniel Cason

Welcome Olan Stubbs

Call to Worship Psalm 145:9–10

Leader: *The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.*

All: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints
shall bless You!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“In Christ Alone”*
“The Cup Was Not Removed”
“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *“Build My Life”*
Laney Philley, Soloist

Scripture & Sermon Michael Wichlan

IV. Philippians
Rejoicing in the Advancement of the Gospel
“Sanctification: A Life of Keeping in Step with the Lord”
Philippians 2:12–30

Benediction*

Doxology* John Haines

Postlude

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

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 to sign up or for questions.

Working Women’s 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.

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.

YBL Annual Golf Tournament — November 6 from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at Inverness Country Club. Registration and warm up begins at 9:30 a.m. Coffee, pastries and lunch will be provided. Find more information at ybl.org/events.

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

“Without Ceasing” Briarwood Ballet — Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Come for an evening of worship with Immanuel performing group as we focus our hearts on God’s way of speaking to us through His Word, and our way of speaking to Him through prayer. More information at briarwood.org/ballet.

Christmas at the Caroline House “Portraits of Hope” — Tuesday, November 14 and Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Hear the gospel, see the beauty and enjoy fellowship as you prepare your heart for Christmas. Tickets at briarwood.org/cch.

“I Cared Enough” Thanksgiving Meal — November 21. Donate and help distribute food to the needy in downtown Birmingham with Daniel Cason KIDS Ministry. For information contact Daniel Cason at 205-365-1800 or go to danielcason.org.

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 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. Nursery is available upon reservation at 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.

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.

FEATURED EVENTS

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 21 *

Come Saturday, October 21 from 9:00–11:30 a.m. as 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. View the available service projects and sign up at briarwood.org/impactbirmingham.

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

Join us Sunday and Monday to hear Dr. Eric Watkins from San Marcos, California, and from various ministry partners during the Sunday School hour and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday night. For details on the conference, go to briarwood.org/nmc.

Reformation Sunday — Worship Services | October 29

Celebrate the tradition that grounds our Presbyterian faith. This Sunday marks when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517.

EMC Convocation Sunday — Every Member Commitment | October 29

Join us Sunday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m. for a joint Sunday School for all adults. The Every Member Commitment is an annual event that allows church members to declare their support for the work of the Lord. EMC pledge cards can be turned in the following Sunday, November 5. For additional information, go to briarwood.org/emc.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood and Missions Prayer Focus — Pray that the Lord would call 500 Briarwood members to participate in IMPACT Birmingham to serve our area ministry partners. Praise the Lord for a blessed Lampstand Conference at Westminster PCA in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on September 28–30. Just under 60 pastors, elders, and church leaders were encouraged through our teaching team, which included Drs. Sandy Willson, John Currie, and Tom Hawkes. Pray for all who attended as they faithfully pursue God's leading for the health of their churches. (The flag of Pennsylvania is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized — Margery Birdsong, Richard Gallo, Charles Gipson

We rejoice with – Travis and Ruthie Jager on the birth of their son, Charles, on October 6 and with grandparents Jim and Joy Jager and great-grandparents Charles and Rosemary Jager.

Our love and sympathy — to Martha Donze and family on the death of her brother, Ken Dyar, on October 6; and to John McCurdy and family on the death of his wife, member Lynn McCurdy, on October 9.

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