



# *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

Reformation Sunday – Sunday, October 29, 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  
*...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 46:6–7

Leader: *The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.*

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"Mighty Fortress"*  
The Briarwood Orchestra

*"This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. It does not lie asleep in the soul. Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man, and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident." –Martin Luther*

## Piper Presentation

*"Amazing Grace"*  
Thomas Caucutt, bagpipes

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

## The Confession of Truth\*

The Solas of the Reformation

Leader: *Sola Scriptura:*

All: The Scripture alone is our only authoritative rule for faith and life.

Leader: *Sola Gratia:*

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone.

Leader: *Sola Fide:*

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone.

Leader: *Solus Christus:*

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone.

Leader: *Soli Deo Gloria:*

All: We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone that we might Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

## Remembrance of God's Saints

Carolyn Crowe, Elsie Betsch, Nell Nichols, Melinda Blackmon, Jim Anderson, Eddie Lumpkin, Chris Zabel, JoAnn Holder, Denise Sherling, Anne Drake, Hal Clark, Pete Weston, Lou Wood, Glenn Hodge, Crawford Nevins, Mike Daniels, Helene Wagstaff, Liz Pate, Pat Putman, Evelyn Farris, Miriam Cox, Charles Cawthorne, Sheridan Shirley, Kathy Cheely, Harry Reeder, Frank Gutteridge, John Hedlund, Anne Curles, Barbara Pierce, Bob Hand, Muriel Lyke, Gayle Abernathy, Lindsay Reese, Diana Faulkner, Carol Lowe, Lynn McCurdy, Ethel Hoff

## The Hymn of Remembrance

*"For All the Saints" Hymn 546*

### 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

*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,  
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

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

### Musical Offering of Worship

*"It Was Finished on the Cross"*  
Sanctuary Choir and Briarwood Orchestra  
Audrey Jowers, Korey Cox, Alonza Jones, Soloists

### Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*

### 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\*†

Romans 1:11–17

### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Stafford Carson

*"Not Ashamed of the Gospel"*

Romans 1:16–17

### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

### Pastoral Benediction\*

### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

### Piper Recessional

*"Highland Cathedral"*

### Postlude

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude** Hunter Goff

**Welcome** Benny Parks

**Call to Worship** Psalm 46:1

All: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn of Praise** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Hymn 97

## THE FIVE SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

**Sola Scriptura** Eric Reebals

**Sola Gratia** Ike Reeder

**Season of Personal Prayer** “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”  
Hunter Goff, pianist

**Sola Fide** Max Bunn

**Sola Christus** Chad Escue

**Hymn of Response** “In Christ Alone”

**Soli Deo Gloria** Greg Norfleet

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER *Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19*

**Hymn of Preparation\*** “Hallelujah, What a Savior!” Hymn 175 (st. 1–3)

**Corporate Confession of Sin** from Psalm 51

**Receiving of the Elements**

**Benediction\***

**Hymn of Response\*** “Hallelujah, What a Savior!” Hymn 175 (st. 4, 5)

**Postlude**

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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.  
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.  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meetings** — The Session has called Congregational Meetings for Sunday, December 3 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2026 and on Sunday, December 10 for the purposes of receiving the 2024 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on December 3. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:55 a.m. service. On December 10, there will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. in the Worship Center to receive the 2024 budget.

**Communion Service** — The Lord's Supper will be celebrated tonight in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes** — Beginning Sunday, October 29 in the Ministries Lobby. Pack a shoe box with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child's life with the love of Jesus! You can also build a box online at [briarwood.org/occ](http://briarwood.org/occ).

**Angel Tree** — Available November 5 and 12 in the church lobbies. This year's gifts will benefit children in need from the Birmingham area. Gifts are due back at Briarwood by November 19. Email Kari at [kescue@briarwood.org](mailto:kescue@briarwood.org) with any questions.

**YBL Annual Golf Tournament** — November 6 from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at Inverness Country Club. Registration and warmup begins at 9:30 a.m. Coffee, pastries, and lunch will be provided. Find more information at [ybl.org/events](http://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](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) for information.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — November 8, 11 and 12. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**“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. Go online to [briarwood.org/ballet](http://briarwood.org/ballet).

**“I Cared Enough” Thanksgiving Meal** — Tuesday, 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](http://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. Email [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) with any questions.

**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).

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## FEATURED EVENTS

### **EMC Pledge Sunday — Every Member Commitment | November 5**

This is the day for members to turn in their commitment cards for 2024. The Every Member Commitment provides the opportunity for members to indicate their intended level of giving to the Lord's work for the next year. For details, go to [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

### **EMC Canvass Sunday — Every Member Commitment | November 12**

This is the final opportunity for members to submit their pledges during morning worship. Church officers will reach out to those who have not made a pledge or contacted the church.

### **Christmas at the Caroline House — Womens Ministry | November 14–15 \***

Prepare your heart for Christmas with "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. Tickets at [briarwood.org/cch](http://briarwood.org/cch). Morning nursery available.

### **Service of Thanksgiving— Worship Service | November 19 \***

Come Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. for a service of praise and thanksgiving. Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to reflect on their thankfulness to the Lord at the conclusion of the worship service.

\* 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 each member to listen as the Lord leads us in our tithing this year and make a commitment. Pray for all the local ministries as they prepare for their Christmas outreaches and for the story of Jesus' birth and life to draw us to Him. Pray for our Angel Tree and Operation Christmas Child outreach.

**Hospitalized** — Ed Bachofer, Bill Beacham, Richard Gallo, Charles Gipson, Steve Greenall, Leigh McCarty, Donna Moore

**Our love and sympathy** — to Marla Martin and family on the death of her brother, Scott Brown, on October 9; to John McCurdy and family on the death of his wife, member Lynn McCurdy, on October 9; to Lolly and Anna Wilson and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Bill Slappey, on October 18; to Karen Duffey, Katie Barr, and family on the death of their father and grandfather, James Smith, on October 19; to Jim Belyeu, Adeleigh Belyeu, Ashley Ponter, and family on the death of their brother and uncle, John Michael Belyeu, on October 20; and to Stephen, Josh and Reid Hodges and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Ruford B. Hodges, Jr., on October 24.

**We rejoice** — with Alex and Christie McKinney on the birth of their daughter, Moira Lark, on October 19, and with grandparents John and Nancy Mansfield and great-grandmother Jennie Stone.