



# *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, November 19, 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

*"I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst  
of the congregation I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 57:9–10

Leader: *I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You  
among the nations. For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your  
faithfulness to the clouds.*

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"*  
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

*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*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## The Reception of Communicants (10:55)

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"And Can It Be?"* Trinity Hymnal (vv. 1, 3, 5)

## The Confession of Truth\*

Psalm 100

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing!*

All: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are  
His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to  
Him; bless His Name!*

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness  
to all generations.

## 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

*...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19*

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

#### Singing of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

*"The Power of the Cross"*

## 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\*†

I Corinthians 11:23–29

#### Exposition of God's Word

Jim Alexander

*"Come to the Table with Thanksgiving"*

I Corinthians 11:23–29

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19*

#### Hymn of Preparation\*

*"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"* Hymn 175 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

#### The Presentation of the Table

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

#### Receiving of the Elements

#### The Bread

Hunter Goff, soloist

#### The Cup

Daniel Cason, pianist

## 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\*

*"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"* Hymn 175 (vv. 4, 5)

#### Postlude

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Bruce Stallings

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1–2

All: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\***

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* Hymn 559

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

John Haines

**Scripture & Sermon**

Benny Youngblood

VII. Philippians  
*Rejoicing in the Advancement of the Gospel*  
“Stand Firm in the Lord”  
Philippians 4:1–9

**Hymn of Response\***

*“We Gather Together”* Hymn 561

**Season of Thanksgiving and Prayer**

**Benediction\***

**Doxology\***

John Haines

**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.

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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## FEATURED EVENTS

### **“I Cared Enough” Thanksgiving Meal — Outreach Opportunity | November 21**

This year’s Thanksgiving Meal and Gospel Festival for Birmingham’s poor and needy will be on Tuesday, November 21 at the Bill Harris Arena. We need to feed 10,000 people! Go to [icaredenough.com](http://icaredenough.com) or email [jhaines@briarwood.org](mailto:jhaines@briarwood.org) to get involved.

### **Walk Through Nativity — Church Wide Event | December 6, 7 and 8**

December 6, 7 and 8 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Over 750 volunteer actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene-builders, and greeters are needed for this year’s Walk Through! Sign up online at [briarwood.org/nativity](http://briarwood.org/nativity) or call 205-776-5282.

### **“A Joyful Noel” — Children’s Christmas Choirs | December 3 \***

Come Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center to hear the Children’s Choirs of Briarwood as they bless us and begin our Christmas season.

### **“O Come Let Us Adore Him” — Briarwood Ballet | December 10 \***

Join the Briarwood Ballet on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center as they lead us in worship this Advent season. Go to [briarwood.org/ballet](http://briarwood.org/ballet).

### **“Hallelujah! The Light Has Come” — Briarwood Christmas Festival | December 17 \***

Come experience Advent through a dramatic presentation from the Briarwood Choirs, Orchestra and Dramatists with special guest Sandra McCracken. This event is free and open to the public.

\* 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 Prayer Focus** — Pray for grateful hearts for God’s faithfulness this Thanksgiving season. *Give thanks to Him and praise His name.* (Psalm 100:4)

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for our International Christmas Party and the preparations. Pray believers would be encouraged and non-believers would be open to the wonder and beauty of the Gospel of Jesus. Pray for this glimpse into the multi-ethnic kingdom of God to bring about praise to God as we enter the Christmas season. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today’s worship service.)

**Hospitalized** — Gene Branham, Allison Brown, Richard Gallo, Carolyn Campbell, Charles Gipson, Janice Hamil, Barbara Kalehoff

**Our love and sympathy** – to Jerry Creager and family on the death of his sister, Carol Vonish, on November 7; to Ward Bursley, Carolyn Tompkins and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Jim Bursley, on November 9; and to David, Emma, Savannah and Amelia Lee Crawley and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Georgia Ruth Crawley, on November 11.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** — This morning is the last opportunity to turn in boxes to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. You can still build a box online (\$25) by going to [briarwood.org/occ](http://briarwood.org/occ).

**Angel Tree and Prison Hygiene Kits** — Did you remember to bring your Angel Tree gifts and hygiene donations? Today is the last day to turn in your Angel Tree gifts to the table at the Bookstore and hygiene donations to the Ministries Lobby, Missions Office or Discovery classroom (FH-A at the Chapel entrance). Email Kari with questions at [localmissions@briarwood.org](mailto:localmissions@briarwood.org).

**Briarwood Holiday Closing** — Church and School Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 23 and 24. Church gates will close at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 and reopen at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 25.

**Christmas Poinsettias** — On sale until December 3. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone this Advent season. Dedications are \$20 each, available for purchase in the Membership Office or online at [briarwood.org/poinsettia](http://briarwood.org/poinsettia).

**Officer Selection Sunday** — December 3. Members will be asked to select officers during a called meeting of the congregation that begins at 8:00 a.m. and officially closes with the benediction of the 10:55 a.m. service. The men receiving the most votes will then be placed on a final slate that will be presented for election the following Sunday.

**2024 Budget** — Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. in A105. Members of the Budget Committee will be available to answer questions regarding the 2024 Budget.

**Officer Election Sunday** — December 10. Men receiving the most votes from Officer Selection Sunday will be placed on a final slate that will be presented for the church membership to elect. There will also be a special order at 10:35 a.m. in the Worship Center to receive the 2024 budget.

**Canned Food Drive** — Sunday, December 10. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Oak Mountain Mission. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

**Trailblazers Christmas Sing-A-Long** — Tuesday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. Meet us at Cahaba Ridge Retirement Community to sing familiar Christmas songs with Hunter Goff. Sign up at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.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.

**Job Opening: ESL and Friendship Partner Director** — Part-time position open for the leader of our English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry. For more information or to send your resume, email Heather McDougall at [hmcdougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcdougall@briarwood.org).

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