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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship - Sunday, January 14, 2024

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Pastor 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 96:9

All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

Hunter Goff, Organist

O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

Choral Introit

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" Briarwood Sanctuary Choir Tom Horner, Seminary Worship Intern

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"In Christ Alone"

The Confession of Truth*

Hebrews 12:28-29

All:

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

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

The Offertory

"Worthy, Worthy" Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"All I Have Is Christ"

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*

The New Testament Reading*†

Matthew 4:1-11

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Temptations"
Matthew 4:1–11

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*

"Speak O Lord"

Postlude

*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 Ruth Beenken, Soloist

Welcome Benny Youngblood

Call to Worship Psalm 1:1-2

All: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law

of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" "All Sufficient Merit"

Shane Davis, worship associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer Jim Alexander

Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani

"Temptation" 1 Timothy 3:1–7

Service of Officer Ordination and Installation

Benediction*

Doxology*

Right Hand of Fellowship Elders and Congregation

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

FEATURED EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 21

Join us in Worship as we celebrate and honor the Sanctity of Life. Ministry Partners will be recognized during the Morning Worship Services. Following both services, visit with our supported Sanctity of Life Ministry Partners in the Fellowship Hallway. We will hold a Diaper and Wipe drive for the benefit of mothers in need that morning.

Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | January 26–27

Ladies, join us January 26–27 for "By Design" In-town Retreat at Briarwood. Our keynote speaker will be Courtney Denton, Director of Mercy and Women's Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Cost is \$45 per person. Register at briarwood.org/women by January 19.

Always Ready: Ligonier Ministries Youth Conference | February 3

We are excited to be hosting the Always Ready Ligonier Student Apologetic Conference! This is a one-day conference with teaching on key issues that will help equip our students with the Bible's answers to common attacks against the Christian faith. For additional information and to register, go to briarwood.org/youth.

Sportsman's Blast — Briarwood Men | February 9

Men, bring a friend for a barbeque dinner and to hear the gospel message! This year's speaker is Hugh Jacks. This is a great opportunity to invite non-believers to hear the Gospel. Tickets are available for \$12 in the Briarwood Bookstore or by calling 205-776-5210. For additional information go to briarwood.org/blast.

* 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 for all the newly elected officers who will be ordained and installed tonight. Pray God will guide them in His ways. Pray for the Lampstand Conference at Briarwood that begins next week. Pray for good health and safe travels of all speakers, volunteers and attendees as well as all the details being finalized for a smooth conference.

Hospitalized — Michele Cantley; Janice Hamil; Sharon Mason; Shana Moton; Jeanette Pressgrove; Buddy Runnels; Chuck Whitfield; French Forbes, Jr.; Terry Chase; Bart Kidd; Emily Blount

Our love and sympathy — to Linda Forbes and family on the death of her sister, Judy Terry, on December 28; to Michael Lockhart and family on the death of his wife, member Sharon Lockhart, on January 4; and to Gloria, Avery and Reid Pickens and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Tom Hall, on January 7.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Persecuted Church Prayer — Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are invited to join a special time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

MidWeek at Briarwood — January 10–April 24. Join us on Wednesdays for dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find information, select an activity, and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

Women's Spring Studies — Women, pick from six 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 Spring Studies — Find the right class for you. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and more information at briarwood.org/men.

Trailblazers Coffee — Tuesday, January 16 from 8:30–9:30 in FH-D. Learn to improve balance, flexibility and strength from Sarah Brumfield, trainer with Graceful Aging Birmingham. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Become a Briarwood Member — January 17, 20 and 21. 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.

Adoption Connection — January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This group ministers to families who have children via adoption or foster care.

Diaper and Wipe Drive for Bundles of Hope — January 21. Bring your bags of diapers and wipes to leave behind your car for pickup while you are in church.

Briarwood Soccer — It's time to register for spring soccer! Register boys and girls age 5–14 at briarwoodsoccer.com or 205-776-5114 by February 2.

Young Business Leaders Winter Breakfast — Friday, February 16 from 6:30–7:45 a.m. at the Harbert Center (2019 4th Avenue North). Join us for our YBL Winter Breakfast to hear Judge Bill McCurine. To register and get more information, go to bit.ly/YBLBreakfast.

Griefshare MidWeek Class — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 13-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Workbook is \$20. Call 205-776-5227.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to questrecreation.org/fitness-classes for details.

Men's Weekly Prayer— Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View House. Start the New Year off in a great way by joining the Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

Trailblazer Travel: Florida — March 11–15. Come travel with friends to Amelia Island, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville. We'll go on guided tours, visit a plantation, and cruise the St. Johns River. Five days and four nights includes breakfast and dinner for \$679. Go to briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.