



# *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, January 21, 2024

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## 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 86:1–2

All: Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save Your servant, who trusts in You—You are my God.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*“Our Foundation”*  
Briarwood Orchestra

*Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Invocation

## Sacrament of Baptism

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”* Hymn 64

## The Confession of Truth\*

Psalm 139:13–16

Leader: *For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.*

All: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

## Recognition of Sanctity of Life Partners

### 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*

## 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

## Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

*"Creation Sings the Father's Song"*

### 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 4:18-22

## Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Sandy Willson

*"Are You a Disciple?"*

Matthew 4:18-22

### 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\*

*"Rise Up, O Church of God"* Hymn 293

## Postlude

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

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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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**Prelude** Daniel Cason

**Welcome** Rob Looper

**Call to Worship** Psalm 8:1–2

Leader: *O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!*  
*You have set Your glory above the heavens.*

All: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength  
because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** “Praise to The Lord the Almighty”  
“The Lord Almighty Reigns”  
“Ancient of Days”  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** Daniel Cason

**Scripture & Sermon** Herbie Newell

“The Character of a Pro-life God”  
Psalm 138

**Benediction\***

**Doxology\*** John Haines

**Postlude**

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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

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **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](http://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 message. Tickets are available for \$12 in the Briarwood Bookstore or by calling 205-776-5210. For additional information go to [briarwood.org/blast](http://briarwood.org/blast).

### **Global Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | February 25 – March 3\***

This year we will be focused on "Making the Most of Every Opportunity" in our evangelistic ministry to others and personal walks with the Lord. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Neil Stewart and we will have the opportunity to hear and learn from our supported global ministry partners. We need your help hosting missionary families! See the many ways you can help facilitate this conference at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).

\* Nursery is available for select events 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 the women who will attend the In-town Retreat to learn how they are "By Design" in Christ. Pray for speaker Courtney Denton as she prepares to speak this weekend. Pray for all those who attended the Lampstand Conference this past week. Please pray for blessings as pastors and leaders go back to their home churches to apply the health and vitality guidance set forth by the conference leaders.

**Hospitalized** — Emily Blount, Jim Morrison, and Sam Mooney. Jon Adcock, Sam Mooney, Terry Chase, Shana Moton, Janice Hamil, Jeanette Pressgrove, Buddy Runnells, Sharon Mason, Bart Kidd

**Our love and sympathy** — Jim Morrison and family on the death of his brother, Butch Morrison, on January 9; to Ken and Julie Elmer and Bill and Linda White and family on the death of their infant grandson, Isaac Elmer, on January 11; to Tracy Holladay and family on the death of her father, Walter Wulff, on January 11 and to Emily Tidmore and family on the death of her father, Chas Vander Wilt, on January 12; to Bobby and Benny Parks and family on the death of their sister, Beverly Dover, on January 15; and to Jack Oswell and family on the death of his mother, Bernice Hoke, on January 16.

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# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://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 information at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Trailblazers Coffee** — Tuesday, January 23 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](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Briarwood Soccer** — It's time to register for spring soccer! Register boys and girls age 5–14 at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://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](http://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](http://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. Go to [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Summer Camp Employment** — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at [campbriarwood.org](http://campbriarwood.org).

**Job Openings: Briarwood International Outreach Administrative Assistant** — Seeking a Briarwood member for a 25-hour per week position with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, and heart for internationals. Send inquiries and resumes to [hmcdougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcdougall@briarwood.org).

**Job Openings: Local Missions and Mobilization Coordinator** — This position will help serve the Mission Team by providing administrative support as well as encouraging and enabling member mobilization. Seeking a Briarwood member for a 20-hour per week position with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, networking, and heart for missions. Send resumes to [mbunn@briarwood.org](mailto:mbunn@briarwood.org).