



# *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 28, 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 51:10

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Hunter Goff

*O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tintured with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace. –adapted from The Valley of Vision*

## Choral Introit

*"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"*

Briarwood Choir

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"The Solid Rock"* Hymn 404

## The Confession of Truth\*

I John 3:2–3

Leader: *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;*

All: But we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

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

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

*"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"  
"Ancient of Days"*

## 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 5:1-10

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

*"Blessed Character"  
Matthew 5:1-10*

## 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\*

*"Be Thou My Vision" Hymn 382*

#### Postlude

*"Trumpet Voluntary"*

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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**

*“Sunshine in My Soul”*

Chamber Ensemble, Ken Berg, Director

**Welcome**

Chad Escue

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 119:105

All: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise\***

*“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”*

*“O Word of God, Incarnate”*

*“Standing On the Promises”*

Ken Berg, Worship Leader

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

*“O Come, Let Us Worship the Lord”*

Chamber Ensemble

**Scripture & Sermon**

Dr. Doriani

*“Scripture: Our Guide for Faith and Life”*

II Timothy 3:14–17

**Benediction\***

**Doxology\***

**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**

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/youthevents](http://briarwood.org/youthevents).

### **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. 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 and personal walks with the Lord. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Neil Stewart and we will have the opportunity to hear from our global ministry partners. See how you can help facilitate this conference at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).

### **GLOW — Children's Missions | February 25 – 28**

During the Global Ministries Conference, children will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be plenty of fun, games, trivia and music each night along with the great missions teaching. Bring your child to the auditorium Sunday night through Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood and Missions Prayer Focus** — Continue to pray for Dr. Dan Doriani as he travels back and forth from St. Louis. David and Joan Walker with StoryRunners help launch church planting movements to unreached people groups through oral Bible stories in more than 100 languages. Pray for the people who have come to faith in Christ, disciples who have been developed, and the churches which have been planted by the use of these stories for over 20 years.

**Hospitalized** — Sharon Mason, Buddy Runnels, Jeanette Pressgrove, Janice Hamil, Terry Chase, Amy Butler, Joy Weaver, John Murphy, L.D. Meredith, Kathy Davis, Betty Gibson, Warren Jones, Chuck Crawford

**Our love and sympathy** — to Mark Faurot and family on the death of his father, William 'Bill' Faurot, on January 14; to Kevin, Marni, and Drew Ulch and family on the death of their son and brother, member Jamie Ulch, on January 17; to Nedra Rooker and family on the death of her husband, member Larry Rooker, on January 19; to Suzy Johnson and family on the death of her mother, Mildred Heyser, on January 21; and to Kathy (Jeff) Davis and family on the death of her mother, Betty Shubert, on January 23.

**We rejoice** — with Woody and Karla Woodruff on the birth of their daughter, Anne Carol, on January 18.



# 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).

**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](https://bit.ly/YBLBreakfast).

**VBS 2024** — We are busy making plans for this summer's VBS: June 3–7! Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Registration opens in April at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs). Email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

**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.

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (200mg), antifungal cream and 1% hydrocortisone cream for the spring, summer and fall Dominican Republic mission trips. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

**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.

**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).

**Worship Center Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Kassie Roberts and Theodore Woo on Monday, January 22.

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