



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, February 4, 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 95:6

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear me as I come to You, humbly confessing my sins and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken Your holy laws by my deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness. Have mercy upon me and, out of Your great goodness, grant that I may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“We Come, O Christ, to You” Hymn 117

The Confession of Truth*

John 1:9–12

Leader: *The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

All: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

Leader: *He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.*

All: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of 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

"I Will Praise Thee, O My Savior"
Briarwood Double Service Choirs
Tom Horner, Seminary Intern, Conductor

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"I Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)"
"Turn Your Eyes"
Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist

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 5:13-20

Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Rob Looper

"Salt and Light in a Dull and Dark World"
Matthew 5:13-20

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"

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 Luke Hollis

Welcome Michael Wichlan

Call to Worship Psalm 103:19

All: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom
rules over all.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“His Mercy Is More”*
“Grace”
“Amazing Grace”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Saeyoung Park

“A Blind Beggar”
Mark 10:46–52

Officer Ordination and Installation

Benediction*

Doxology*

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

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.

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.

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 fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children's Auditorium Sunday night through Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

Faith Promise Sunday — Briarwood Missions | March 3 *

During the Morning Worship Services, we will have the opportunity to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Be in prayer, asking the Lord what He would have you pledge by faith to the Global Missions Fund. Return Sunday evening as we close out the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

* Nursery is available for select events 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 that the Sportsman's Blast evangelism event this week will draw many unbelievers and for speaker Hugh Jacks to inspire us to share our faith. Pray for Shane O'Hara with TEAM 5:18 in Louisiana. Shane works with men who are incarcerated and in Celebrate Recovery, an overcoming addiction program. Pray for the spiritual impact on these men who have heard life changing testimonies about faith, recovery and discipleship from former prisoners.

Hospitalized — Riley Claire Pate, Annie Hall, Janice Hamil, L.D. Meredith, Sam Mooney, Buddy Runnels, Felicity Martin

Our Love and Sympathy — to Miller Hershey and family on the death of her grandfather, BF Cofield, on January 23; to Lynn Smith and family on the death of her mother, Kathryn McWhorter, on January 24; and to Bruce Parsons and family on the death of his mother, Olive Ann Parsons, on January 27.

We Rejoice — with Josh and Mariah Tessin on the adoption of their son, Daniel Samuel, on January 24.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Campus Outreach Reunion Dinner — Monday, February 5 in Fellowship Hall-A from 5:00–8:00 p.m. If you worked for Campus Outreach from 1980-85, join us for dinner and a time of fellowship. Call Hunter Goff at 205-706-6926 to make reservations.

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.

Trailblazers Dinner — Thursday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner with music from Jay and the Elders, Briarwood's local band. Invite a friend. Get your tickets (\$10) online at briarwood.org/trailblazers, in the Bookstore or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

VBS Volunteers Needed — We need your help for this summer's VBS, June 3–7! If you are interested in volunteering, email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Child registration will open in April at briarwood.org/vbs.

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 a.m. 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.

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.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

Job Opening: Briarwood International Outreach Administrative Assistant — Seeking Briarwood member with administrative skills and heart for internationals in a 25-hr/week position to serve these congregations. Send resume to hmcDougall@briarwood.org.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in loving memory of James Bruce Evans, Jr. by his family.

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