



*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

Global Ministries Conference – Sunday, February 25, 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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 96:2–3

Leader: *Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.*

All: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"Jesus Saves"*

Briarwood Orchestra

*"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

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents & Flag Processional\*

*"Jesus Shall Reign"* Hymn 231

## The Confession of Truth\*

Matthew 28:16–20

Leader: *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.*

All: And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

Leader: *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.*

All: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE  
*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so... Psalm 107:2*

**Global Ministry Partners**

**Testimony of Kingdom Ministry**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE  
*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings  
be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1*

**Ministry Opportunities for Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY  
*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,  
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

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

**Musical Offering of Worship**

*"The Lord Almighty Reigns"*  
Briarwood Praise Team, Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**

*"O Church, Arise"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD  
*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**The Old Testament Reading\*†**

Isaiah 52:13–15

**Exposition of God's Word**

Dr. Neil Stewart

I. Global Ministries Conference 2024  
*Making the Most of Every Opportunity*  
"Jesus, Stooping to Our Need"  
Isaiah 52:13–15

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE  
*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Response\***

*"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"* Hymn 296

**Postlude**

*"Christ for the World We Sing!"*

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

Global Ministries Conference – Evening Worship • 6:00 p.m.

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**Prelude** Hunter Goff

**Welcome** Bryan Wintersteen

**Song of Praise\*** *“O Zion, Haste”* Hymn 298

**Announcements & Prayer**

**Scripture & Sermon** Dr. Neil Stewart

II. Global Ministries Conference 2024

“Jesus, Despised by Our Folly”

Isaiah 53:1–3

**GLOW**

**Glimpse Instructions**

**Postlude** Hunter Goff

**Missionary Glimpses:**

WC:	Heber & Lidia Romero	Cuba
Chapel:	Hatem Botros	Middle East / North Africa
FH-A:	Micah	Southeast Asia
FH-E:	Brandon & Sharlene Coker	Canada
FH-F:	Jorum & Evah Mugari	Zimbabwe
G-101:	Ray Call	Belize
G-103:	David & Vicki Creel	Cambodia

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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

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

Our conference theme this year is “Making the Most of Every Opportunity” and keynote speaker will be Dr. Neil Stewart. We will have the opportunity to hear and learn from our global ministry partners. Find information 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 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 \***

We will have the opportunity in the morning services to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they prepare to go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Ask 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.

### **“Raising Up a Sexually Faithful Generation” — Parenting Conference | April 13 \***

Briarwood will host a Harvest USA conference to give insight, help, and principles in raising children as they face the sexual confusion of our culture. This is for soon-to-be parents, grandparents, and parents. Register at [briarwood.org/parentingconference](http://briarwood.org/parentingconference).

\* 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** — Ask the Lord to prepare our hearts to hear His Word from Dr. Neil Stewart and testimonies of our missionaries from around the world. Pray we will be challenged to connect with them, to pray for them, and to participate in the Faith Promise. May we see the Great Commission come alive as they share. Pray we will develop a stronger burden for the lost.

**Hospitalized** — Bill Beacham, Carl Bono, Chuck DeWitt, Janice Hamil, Claudia Hawkins, Doug Haskew, Rick Neel, Buddy Runnels, Suzie Potter, Carol Payne

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Denis Devane and family on the loss of his wife, member Peggy Devane, on February 13; to Hucks, Molly and Walker Buchanan and Hannah and Luke Hollis and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Ann Buchanan, on February 16; and to the family of member Herbert Osborne on his death on February 20.

**We rejoice** — with Connor and Emmi Ford on the birth of their son, Rowan Russell, on February 19, and with grandparents Russell and Wendy Long.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Women's Missionary Coffee** — Tuesday, February 27 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Women, join us for a time of fellowship and prayer for our visiting ministry partners. Register at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery available by reservation.

**Communion Service** — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, March 3 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**Women Business Leaders Event** — Thursday, March 14 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Samford University. WBL will host *You're Starting What? An Evening with Entrepreneurs*. Five successful Christian women panelists discuss starting their businesses and keeping Christ central. Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**Easter Lily Dedications** — Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday. Order now online at [briarwood.org/lily](http://briarwood.org/lily) or drop by the Membership Office (A101). Order deadline is Sunday, March 17.

**Graduate Information Needed** — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form on the website. High school seniors go to [briarwood.org/seniors](http://briarwood.org/seniors). College seniors go to [briarwood.org/college](http://briarwood.org/college).

**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](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org). Child registration will open in April at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

**Sacrament of Baptism** — Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Leigh Ann Reese at 205-776-5301 or [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org) for available dates.

**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](http://campbriarwood.org).

**Thrift Store Volunteers** — New Direction Thrift Store in Fairfield is looking for volunteers to help in the store. Store is open Tuesday–Friday from 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Call store manager Alan Russell at 205-915-7095 to get involved.

**Job Opening: Membership Pastor** — Seeking a pastor to shepherd visitors and members into the life of our Church. Needs to relate well with people and have skills of leadership and management. Candidate must be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5282.

**Job Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff** — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).