



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, March 10, 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

*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 71:5

All: For You, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"The Church's One Foundation"

Briarwood Winds

"Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness." –from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"My Hope Is in the Lord" Hymn 406

The Confession of Truth*

Romans 5:2–5

Leader: *Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

All: Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline
Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6*

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation & Consecration of God’s Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Father, We Adore Thee”
The Briarwood Choir

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”
“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Matthew 9:18–26

Exposition of God’s Word

Dr. Dan Doriani
“Reason for Hope”
Matthew 9:18–26

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Congregational Affirmation*

“The Solid Rock” Hymn 404

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

*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

“All Night, All Day”

Abigail Asbeck

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 31:23–24

All: The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“O Worship the King”

“How Great Is Our God”

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Dan Doriani

“Paul and Timothy and the Life of the Faithful”

II Timothy 1:1–7

Benediction*

Dr. Greg Norfleet

Doxology*

John Haines

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

Palm Sunday — Holy Week 2024 | March 24 *

Our Holy Week celebration begins with Palm Sunday as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children ages K4–6th grade will have the opportunity to begin our morning worship services with a palm branch procession.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service — Holy Week 2024 | March 28 *

Maundy Thursday is the night that the Passover was transformed and translated from the Old Covenant Meal to the New Covenant Lord's Supper. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a service of remembrance and celebration with the sacrament of Communion.

Good Friday — Holy Week 2024 | March 29 *

Join us at noon on Good Friday as we assemble for a Service of Reflection on the Cross with Bible readings and the singing of the great Atonement hymns.

Easter Sunday — Holy Week 2024 | March 31 *

Resurrection Lord's Day we celebrate our risen Savior with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and worship services at 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. Continue the celebration of worship Sunday evening with our Briarwood Music Staff and Professionals in Concert.

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

This Harvest USA conference hosted here at Briarwood is designed to help give parents insight, practical help, and principles in raising children as they face the sexual confusion of our culture. Register at briarwood.org/parentingconference.

* 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 for the Vacation Bible School preparations. Pray for Raleigh Macoy and her team and the need for volunteers. Help these individuals recognize their contributions and the lives they touch. Pray for Briarwood International Outreach as they partner with other churches in Birmingham. Pray that we can connect with the students. Pray also for opportunities to share the Gospel with these students, as communicating across cultures can be difficult. Finally, please pray for the students that have already developed relationships with Christians at Briarwood, and that we would steward those relationships well.

Hospitalized — Bill Beacham, Annie Hall, Janice Hamil, Walter Leveille, Chesley Kalehoff

Our Love and Sympathy — to staff member Alisa Hyde and family on the death of her father, Ron Stokes, on March 2; to the family of member Sandy O'Brien on her death on March 3; to Fred Yancey and family on the death of his brother, Archie Yancey, on March 4; and to John Reaves and family on the death of his wife, member Kendall Reaves, on March 5.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. All are invited to join us for this special time of prayer.

Adoption/Foster Connection Meeting — Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This group is a combination of our Briarwood Adoption Connection and Foster Ministries. This will be a time to be encouraged, equip one another, and meet with other like-minded families. Contact Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Become a Briarwood Member — March 13, 16 and 17. 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.

Easter Lily Dedication — 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 or drop by the Membership Office (A101). Order deadline is Sunday, March 17.

Trailblazers Lunch — Tuesday April 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kathryn Lavallet Tortorici, author of *Two by Two—Conversations Between Friends Navigating Breast Cancer*, will be sharing. Tickets \$10 in the Bookstore and at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

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.

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. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

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.

Job Opening: Senior High Ministry Girl Staff — Full-time position to work with our High school girls through shepherding/discipling, programming, equipping volunteers, and assisting parents. Contact k.smith@briarwood.org for more information.

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.

Worship Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the honor and glory of God in memory of Glenn Hodge from his wife, Dean. The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Kendall Reaves from her funeral on Friday, March 8.

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