



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 – Palm Sunday, March 24, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 118:26

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Briarwood Orchestra

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Threlfall) Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

Choral Introit

"Hail! Lord and Master"

Briarwood Choir and Orchestra

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Hymn of Ascents & Children's Palm Processional

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Hymn 173

Children's Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

The Confession of Truth*

Matthew 21:1–11

Leader: *Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,*

All: *"Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."*

Leader: *This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,*

All: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3

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

Musical Offering of Worship

"To the Lamb on the Throne"
Briarwood Choir, Orchestra and Praise Team

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Matthew 21:12-22

Exposition of God's Word

"Jesus Moves Mountains"
Matthew 21:12-22

Dr. Dan Doriani

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

Congregational Response*

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 228

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Benny Parks

Consecration for Holy Week

Consecration Prayer

Songs of Praise*

“Jesus What a Friend for Sinners”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“I Surrender All”

Preparation for Holy Week

Bruce Stallings

“Plain Talk Forsaken”

Mark 8:31–38; Mark 9:30–37; Mark 10:32–45

Season of Prayer

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Preface to Holy Week

Bruce Stallings

“The Plot That Brought Salvation”

John 11

Closing Hymn*

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Benediction*

Benny Parks

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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FEATURED EVENTS

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 8:00 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.

IMPACT Birmingham Day — Church Mobilization | April 27 *

On the morning of April 27, we will be partnering with local ministries to do service projects including yard work, food distribution, and repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! See the list of available projects and sign up at briarwood.org/impact.

* 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 Prayer Focus — Let us pray for those who do not believe in the resurrection, but continue to live in darkness. Prepare our hearts during Holy Week as we renew our hearts and minds in focusing on Jesus' walk to the cross.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for ministry partner, Nathan Newman, in Washington D.C. with Ministry to State. Nathan has been meeting with senior leaders in government to discuss the PCA's letter urging them to protect children from the harms of rejecting their biological sex. Pray that the results in each meeting would glorify God by extending the Kingdom. Pray over all individual lives through all areas of society and in all nations and cultures.

Hospitalized — Frank Barker III, Martha Dobnikar, Janice Hamil, Betsy Hayes, Kathy Lawrence, Lynn Thompson, Sandy Bell, Sheryl Francis

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Easter Basket Donations — Today is the last opportunity to donate Easter baskets to Daniel Cason Ministries for an evangelistic Easter children's event. Cellophane wrapped Easter baskets can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office A106.

Communion Service — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Maundy Thursday service on March 28. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Church and School Offices Closed — Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday.

Women Business Leaders Event — Thursday, April 4 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at The Caroline House. Join garden designer Molly Hendry as she presents “From Soil to Soul” with practical tips for cultivating fruit in our lives and gardens. Tickets are \$10. Find additional information and register at bit.ly/fromsoiltosoul.

Trailblazers Lunch — Tuesday April 9 at 11:30 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 online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Congregational Meeting — April 14. A congregational meeting has been called by the Session following the evening service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the call of Associate Pastor Dave Matthews. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall to express our love and appreciation to Dave and Betty for their 28 years of service and ministry.

VBS 2024 — June 3–7. We hope you will join us for Vacation Bible School this year! Online registration will open on April 1 at briarwood.org/vbs. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org for VBS volunteering or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering.

“The Art of Discipleship” MidWeek Class — April 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Randy Pope will lead this MidWeek Series that will challenge you with the power of intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth.

Camp Briarwood Testimonies Needed — Did Camp Briarwood change your life? Send us a 1–3 minute video sharing your experience. Be sure to end your video with the tagline “CAMP CHANGED MY LIFE!” Email video to campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com.

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

Faith Promise Pledges — Turn in your Faith Promise card during a worship service, mail your card to Briarwood, email faithpromise@briarwood.org with your commitment, or fill out the form at briarwood.org/faithpromise.

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.

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.