



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 – Easter Sunday, March 31, 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 16:10–11

All: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.
You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“When I Survey”

Briarwood Orchestra

*Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts
vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my
infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy,
my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the
sender of Jesus, my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You
for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You. adapted from The Valley of Vision*

Choral & Congregational Introit

“Joy to the Heart”

Briarwood Choir, Orchestra & Congregation

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Resurrection*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe?*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in
Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the
Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

**universal*

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

"See Him Face to Face"
Sanctuary Choir & Briarwood Orchestra

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

"Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"
"See What a Morning"

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 28:1-8, 16-20

Exposition of God's Word

"The Resurrection of Jesus"
Matthew 28:1-8, 16-20

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*

"The Day of Resurrection" Hymn 226

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

Hunter Goff

*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

Resurrection Evening Worship Recital – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

John Haines

Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1–2

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!*

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Resurrection

“Alleluia! Alleluia!” Hymn 215

Worship Recital

Shane Davis, soloist
Mikyung Park, pianist
Hunter Goff, soloist
Elizabeth Jordan, soloist
Allison Frederick, pianist
Hunter Goff, organist

Homily

Jay Shaw

“Where Have You Been?”
Luke 24:13–35

Hymn of Response*

“He Lives” Hymn 220

Benediction*

Benny Parks

Postlude

Hunter Goff

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

“The Art of Discipleship” — MidWeek Class | April 3, 10, 17, and 24 *

Randy Pope will challenge us with the power of personal and intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth. Come each Wednesday in April at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register online at briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship.

“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 — Praise the Lord! *Give thanks in all circumstances* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thank the Lord for our Holy Week services. We are so blessed with our staff and volunteers who participated. Give thanks for John Haines, the choir, orchestra and encouraging preaching we receive each week. Pray for our music ministry and Dr. Dan Doriani.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the international adults who attend our weekly English classes to know and experience the love of Christ in our church and during classes. Pray as they learn about Jesus that they would desire to know him as their Lord and Savior.

Hospitalized — Sandy Bell, Bill Feist, Ellen Fox, Steve Greenall, Betsy Hayes, Kelly Little

We rejoice — with Brandon and Meredith Darroch on the birth of their son, Titus, on March 22.

Our love and sympathy — to Marvin and Amanda Keffer on the death of their wife and mother, member Linda Keffer, on March 20; to Chesley Kalehoff and family on the death of her father, Lee Peed, on March 21; to Judy Black and family on the death of her sister, Jean Campbell, on March 21; and to Ken Francis, Wendy, Matthew, Benjamin, and Josh Handley on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, member Sheryl Francis, on March 24.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Bookstore Holiday Hours — Today we are open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. if you still need to find a perfect book or gift to bless someone.

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 shares “From Soil to Soul” with practical tips for cultivating fruit in our lives and gardens. Tickets \$10. Find additional information and register online 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.

Foster Hope/Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride’s Room. This combined group is for foster and adoptive parents, and anyone interested in fostering/adopting! Come for a time to be encouraged, equipping one another, and meeting with other like-minded families. Email Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

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.

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. Teen helper registration will open in May. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org for VBS volunteering and teaching or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering.

Faith Promise Pledges — Turn in your Faith Promise card during the worship service, mail it to Briarwood, email faithpromise@briarwood.org with your commitment, or by filling 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.

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.

Open Play Pickleball — Tuesday from 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Gym. Visit questrecreation.org.

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.