



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 17, 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 47:1–2

All: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“Name of All Majesty”

Briarwood Choirs

Ethan Davis, High School Intern Conductor

“Sovereign God, Your cause, not my own, engages my heart, and I appeal to You with greatest freedom to set up Your kingdom in every place where Satan reigns; Glorify Yourself and I will rejoice, for to bring honor to Your name is my sole desire. I adore You that You are God, and long that others should know it, feel it, and rejoice in it. Let sinners be brought to You for Your dear name!” – adapted from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn 262

Tom Horner, Seminary Student, Conductor

The Confession of Truth*

The Trinitarian Apostles’ Creed

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe concerning God the Father?*

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe concerning Christ the Son?*

All: I believe 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.

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?*

All: 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.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory *"All Sufficient Merit"*

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs *"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"*

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 11:1–19*

Exposition of God's Word *Jim Alexander*
"When Doubts Arise"
Matthew 11:1–19

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

Postlude *Daniel Cason*

**Universal *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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1

All: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His
mighty heavens!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Sanctuary”
“Because We Believe”
Daniel Cason

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Greg Norfleet

“Reunited and Unashamed”
Isaiah 54:1–10

Benediction*

Doxology*

John Haines

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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 our youth ministry as they are already planning on a busy summer. Pray for the “Raising Up a Sexually Faithful Generation” Parenting Conference on April 13 that will help parents and grandparents raise children in the sexual confusion of our culture as you *“train up your child”* Proverbs 22:6! Pray for the Church Revitalization Team as it continues to follow up with the most recent Lampstand Conference attendees. Our desire is to help them discover what the best “next step” is for each of their situations. Pray the Lord will use Lampstand and the team as a tool to guide them to a healthy church.

Hospitalized — Charlie Cutcliffe, John Donaldson, Patti Harwell, Janice Hamil, Kathy Lawrence

Our Love and Sympathy — to Michelle Wall and family on the death of her mother, member Donna Wall, on March 5; Rhonda Beacham and family on the death of her husband, member Bill Beacham, on March 8; to Joe Morgan and family on the death of his wife, member Harriette Morgan, on March 9; and to Nina DeWitt and family on the death of her husband, member Chuck DeWitt, on March 10.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Easter Basket Donations — March 17—24. Daniel Cason Ministries needs Easter baskets to give to children at an evangelistic Easter 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.

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.

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.

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.

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: Hispanic Pastor — Bilingual pastor needed to shepherd our Hispanic congregation. Candidate must be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to hmcDougall@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5404.

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 Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Harriette Morgan from her funeral on March 11.

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