



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 – September 29, 2024

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim 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 25:10

All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“At the Name of Jesus”
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

O Great I Am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You. –adapted from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“For the Beauty of the Earth” Hymn 560

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles' Creed

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
I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

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

"Your Will Be Done"
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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*†

James 2:1-13

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Judgment and Mercy"
James 2:1-13

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Congregational Affirmation*

"His Mercy Is More"

Pastoral Benediction*

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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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist

Welcome Mark Purser, College Director

Call to Worship Psalm 150:1, 6

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

All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“Run and Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)”*
“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”
“Worthy Worthy”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastoral Care Pastor

“The Secret Wisdom of God”
1 Corinthians 2

Doxology* Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Benediction*

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

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church-Wide | Through November 13 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for dinners, nursery and classes at briarwood.org/midweek.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 19 *

On the morning of October 19, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects ranging from yard work, painting, distributing food to repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Find details and register at briarwood.org/impact.

National Ministries Conference 2024 — Briarwood Missions | October 20 & 21 *

Join us Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21 as we hear from H.B. Charles, Pastor at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and our National Ministry Partners. Ministry Partners will share in Sunday Schools and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find details at briarwood.org/nmc.

* 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 — Give thanks for our Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Ministry. Pray for those who serve as interpreters throughout the week in worship services, Bible studies, and small group gatherings. Pray for our brothers and sisters who benefit from this ministry and in turn take the gospel to their community outside of the church.

Missions Prayer Focus — Praise God for a great beginning to Briarwood's Fall ESL classes. We are blessed with many new students as well as returning students. Pray God would use relationships formed in the classroom to draw them closer to Him. Pray the women attending ESL Bible Study would open their eyes to see who Jesus is and their need for Him. *The flag of Colombia is featured in today's service.*

Hospitalized — Marilyn Mullis, Marvin Keffer, Doretha Causey

We rejoice — with Taylor and Lizzy Barnes on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on September 16.

Our love and sympathy — to Missions Pastor Bryan Wintersteen, Bryan, Blake, Brock and Betsy and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Brian Simpson Wintersteen, on September 21; to Ellie Jackson, Angie Reeder, Virginia and Win Turpin and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Carolyn Sharkey, on September 22; and to the family of member Rita Richards on her death on September 22.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Trailblazers Coffee — Monday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A. Come hear Bill Moulton, Briarwood member and author of “Agent 328: The Day It All Changed For Us” share with us. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

YBL Fall Breakfast — Thursday, October 3 from 6:30–7:45 a.m. at Vestavia Country Club. Terry Looper, retired CEO and founder of Texon LP, will share about his journey to becoming a wiser man and leader. Register online at bit.ly/YBLFallBreakfast.

WBL Faith & Work Luncheon — Wednesday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. at The Club. Stephanie Franklin, with over 25 years of expertise in non-profit/for-profit recruitment, will share her journey to a renewed mind through truth. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Care-giving Seminar and Luncheon — Thursday, October 10 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Inverness Country Club. The seminar will offer three perspectives on care-giving, including coping with health issues, dementia, grieving, and preparing for loved ones during critical times. Cost is \$10. Register online at ybl.org/events.

Men’s Fall Studies — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Women’s Fall Studies — Six classes available that meet Monday–Thursday. See topics, teachers, and details at briarwood.org/women. Reserve nursery at briarwood.org/nursery.

Threads of Hope — Wednesdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in A205. Women, you are invited to join Briarwood’s knitting ministry. Experienced knitters to beginners are all welcome.

Children’s Sunday Choirs — Children’s Choirs (preschool/elementary age children) meet Sunday during the evening worship at 6:15 p.m. Contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

ESL Ministry — Impact the nations in Birmingham through our ESL ministry. Learning English is the number one felt need of internationals, and you can help meet that need, as well as build relationships and bridges to the gospel. Students from closed access countries attend weekly. Email Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org for information.

ROKU & Apple TV Apps — The Briarwood App is now available for download on ROKU, Apple TV, Google Play, and the Amazon Appstore. If you had our previous TV apps, you will need to install the new app. Search for Briarwood PCA and download for free.

Daily Prayer Notification — Receive a daily prayer notification through the Briarwood App. In your Briarwood App settings, enable “Weekly Prayer Guide” notifications.

Job Opening: Briarwood International Outreach — Position (25 hr) for Briarwood member with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, and a heart for internationals. Send resumes to hmcdougall@briarwood.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.