



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 – October 6, 2024

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior 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 119:92–93

Leader: *If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.*

All: I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Briarwood Orchestra

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross, crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise. – adapted from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” Hymn 405

The Confession of Truth*

Isaiah 26:1–4

Leader: *In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; He sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.*

All: You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD God is an everlasting rock.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord!*

All: Thanks be to God!

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

"How Great Thou Art"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
"Only a Holy God"
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

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 2:14–19

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Faith That Works – Part 1"
James 2:14–19

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

Congregational Affirmation*

"Lead On, O King Eternal" Hymn 483

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

"Ode to Joy"

*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 Bryan Wintersteen, Global Missions Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 133:1, 3

Leader: *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*

All: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“This Is Our Father’s World”*
“Christ Our Wisdom”
Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory *“By The Savior’s Power”*
Hannah Brennan

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani

“God Grows His Church”
1 Corinthians 3:1–9

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

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.

EMC Convocation Sunday — All Members | October 27 *

On Every Member Commitment Convocation Sunday, members are encouraged to attend the Convocation Service in the Worship Center at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Briarwood's Every Member Commitment allows church members to declare what their support in the work of the Lord with their gifts and service will be for the coming calendar year. Learn more at briarwood.org/emc.

* 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

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:3

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for the people who have lost loved ones, been displaced, isolated, and whose lives have been altered as a result of Hurricane Helene. May they seek the Lord's comfort and provision in the uncertain days to come. Pray for the critical supplies, utilities, and communication needed to reach these areas.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the many Briarwood members who will participate in our local service project IMPACT Birmingham on Saturday, October 19. We will bring much-needed encouragement, help, and care to our ministry partners. *The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's service.*

Hospitalized — Campbell Blake, Don Huff, Chris Asbeck, Joy Blazer, Dennis Keeling, Nina Mujumdar

Our love and sympathy — to Jason and John McCrory, Sarah Duncan and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Trudy McCrory, on September 30.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Disaster Relief Giving — One-hundred percent of funds given will be used to support those affected by Hurricane Helene through our partnering with MNA's Disaster Relief and Samaritan's Purse. Go to briarwood.org/disasterrelief to find ways to help.

WBL Faith & Work Luncheon — Wednesday, October 9 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at The Club. Stephanie Franklin will share her journey of being transformed by truth through a renewed mind. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Adoption/Foster Connection Meeting — Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides' Room. This group for foster/adoptive parents, and those interested in fostering/adopting, focuses on encouraging and equipping one another. Email w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Care-giving Seminar Luncheon — Thursday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Inverness Country Club. Learn different perspectives on care-giving—coping with health issues, dementia, and grieving. Cost is \$10. Register at ybl.org/events.

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Sunday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are invited to a prayer time for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Trailblazers Movie — Tuesday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m. at Cahaba Ridge Retirement Community. Come for a showing of "A Walk with Joey" about his story (from the Publix on Valleydale Road) about faith and friendship. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Men's Fall Studies — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. 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 — Women, pick from six available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Wednesday evening from 5:15–8:00 p.m. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:15 p.m. Classes and activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for dinners, nursery, and classes at briarwood.org/midweek.

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.

Job Opening: YBL 2nd Half Director — Part-time position focusing on equipping men (50–75 years-old) moving into new work roles and retirement, launching/training small groups, mentoring and outreach efforts. Job description at briarwood.org/employment.

Job Opening: Quest Administrative Assistant — Part-time position for Quest (Camp Briarwood, Briarwood Soccer, Pickleball, Ladies Fitness, Cheerleading, Trail Life and American Heritage Girls). Summer hours increase with camp season. Contact Scott Hannah at shannah@briarwood.org or 205-533-3105 for hours, pay, and responsibilities.

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.