



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 13, 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

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 42:1–2

All: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”
Briarwood Orchestra

Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as “living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship.” Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“How Firm a Foundation” Hymn 275

The Confession of Truth*

Hebrews 12:1–2

Leader: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

All: looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Pulpit Committee Update

Billy Ball, Ruling Elder
Chairman, Pulpit Committee

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

The Offertory

"As the Hart Pants" from Psalm 42
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Lord, I Need You"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

James 2:20-26

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Justified by a Faith That Works"
James 2:20-26

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Congregational Affirmation*

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Trinity Hymnal

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 Rev. Max Bunn, Mobilization Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 45:17

All: I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“God of Every Grace”*
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory *“Agnus Dei”*
Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

Scripture & Sermon Rev. Rob Looper, National Ministries Pastor

“Caution: Temple Under Construction”
1 Corinthians 3:10–23

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 *

Registration for IMPACT Birmingham closes tonight at midnight! We will partner with local ministries to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Service projects include yard work, painting, distributing food, and repair projects. Register at briarwood.org/impact or on the Briarwood App.

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

Join us Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21 to hear our speaker H. B. Charles, pastor at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and from various ministry partners during Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find additional 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.

EMC Pledge Sunday — All Members | November 3

On Every Member Commitment Pledge Sunday, members will turn in their pledge cards during the morning services or make pledges online at briarwood.org/giving.

* 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 Pulpit Committee as they seek the Lord's will in finding our next Senior Pastor. Pray for continued unity among the group as well as clarity and peace as they move forward. Thank the Lord for the service opportunities we can volunteer for through IMPACT Birmingham this Saturday, October 19. Pray we will have the opportunity to IMPACT Birmingham for Christ as we serve and love others in our city.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Dr. H. B. Charles, Jr. our National Ministries Conference speaker. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and health as he prepares to preach God's Word on October 20-21.

Hospitalized — Beth Baker, Gordon Bellamy, Cindy Janney

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Give to Helene Relief — 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.

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Tonight 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 watch "A Walk with Joey," a story about his faith and friendship while working at the Valleydale Publix. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Reformation Sunday — October 27. Our annual service highlights the foundations of the Reformation: that God's Word alone binds our consciences by the Power of His Holy Spirit and that the Power of the Resurrection brings us ultimate hope and comfort as we remember our church members who have gone to heaven this past year.

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.

Briarwood Youth Choir — Sundays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in M208. Youth grades 7–12, can you make it this week? If not, just come when you can. For more information, email Penny Philley at pphilley@briarwood.org.

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.

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.

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 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 Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.