



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 – November 10, 2024

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 89:1

All: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will
make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Prelude & Time of Meditation

"Fanfare and Processional on God of Our Fathers"

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.*

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymn 43

The Confession of Truth*

Lamentations 3:22–25

Leader: *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

All: "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

Leader: *The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.*

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

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithes & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Psalm 24"

Briarwood Choir, Orchestra & Praise Team

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Elizabeth Jordan, soloist

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*†

James 3:1–12; 4:13–17

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Who Can Tame the Tongue?"

James 3:1–12; 4:13–17

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Congregational Affirmation*

"The Doxology with Alleluias"

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

Choral Introit *“Do Not Be Afraid”*
Chamber Ensemble with Tom Horner, Conductor

Welcome Ike Reeder, Birmingham Theological Seminary President

Call to Worship Psalm 146:2

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while
I have my being.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“Blessed Be Your Name”*
“Jesus Calms the Storm”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani

“Sin in the World, Sin in the Church”
1 Corinthians 5:1–13

Hymn of Response* *“O For a Thousand Tongues”* Hymn 76
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Benediction*

Postlude

WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

We're delighted you are worshipping 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

EMC Canvass Sunday — All Members | November 10

This morning, members have the final opportunity to submit their pledge during the worship services. At the conclusion of the 10:55 service, church officers will contact those who have yet to make a commitment or notify the church regarding their pledge.

Countdown to Christmas — Women's Ministry | November 20 *

Women join us at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare for the Christmas season. Speaker Ashley McMakin, owner of Ashley Mac's, will share with us her story of faith and how she prepares her heart for Christmas. Tickets are available for \$20 in the Briarwood Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/women.

Walk Through Nativity — Church Wide | December 11–13

December 11, 12 and 13 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Over 750 volunteer actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene-builders, and greeters are needed for this year's Walk Through. Sign up online at briarwood.org/nativity or call 205-776-5282.

Service of Thanksgiving — Worship Service | November 24 *

Come Sunday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. for a service of praise and thanksgiving. Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to reflect on their thankfulness to the Lord at the conclusion of the worship service.

* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Thank the Lord for our veterans who served and protected our country. As the Pulpit Search Committee gathers input from the congregation, pray for wisdom and discernment in creating a profile for our next Senior Pastor.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Heber and Lydia Romero serving in Cuba. With a recent electrical grid collapse, services have been suspended due to power outages and there are shortages of water, food, fuel, and medicine. Pray for the leaders to make changes to help the people. Pray for strength to serve the Lord sharing the love, faith, and hope of Jesus Christ with neighbors. *The flag of Cuba is featured in today's service.*

Hospitalized — Margery Birdsong, Charlie Cutcliffe, Jack Wright, Jim Cofer, Kathy Smith

We rejoice — with Andrew and Lindsey McGehee on the birth of their son, Andrew Oliver III, on October 25 and grandparents Andy and Keri McGehee.

Our love and sympathy — to Allison and Jack Bentley, Kaitlin Schaeffer and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Eleanor LaComb, on October 31; to Chin Wu and family on the death of her brother, Yi-Ming Wu, on November 1; to Kelly and Nathan Little and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Katherine Little, on November 4; and to Ellen Flannery and family on the death of her grandmother, Helen 'Hattie' Shinnick, on November 3.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Submit Your EMC Pledge — You can turn in your pledge online at briarwood.org/emc, mail or bring your Pledge Card to the Church Accounting Office, or turn in your Pledge Card during the worship services morning.

Pulpit Committee Survey — Closes at midnight tonight. Take a few minutes and complete the survey which was emailed to all members. If you did not receive the email, call or text Leigh Ann Reese at 205-602-3135 or email lreese@briarwood.org.

Persecuted Church Prayer — Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Christmas Poinsettias — On sale through December 8. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone this Advent season. Dedications are \$20 each. You can purchase your poinsettias in the Membership Office or online at briarwood.org/poinsettia.

Briarwood Angels — Trees are available this Sunday and next in the Bookstore and the Chapel Lobby. Gifts will benefit Birmingham area children and families in need. If you can work adoption tables or need information, email Amy at apwood@briarwood.org.

Donate Hygiene Items — UnBound216 needs hygiene items for their local jail ministry. Bring items today to the bins in the Ministries and Chapel Lobbies; or to the Missions Office by November 14. List of items at briarwood.org/mobilization.

Operation Christmas Child — Boxes are available this Sunday and next in the Ministries Lobby. Pack a box with toys, prayers, and items, for a needy child! Return your box with \$10 shipping to the Children's Auditorium by November 17. You can also build and send a box online by following the link at briarwood.org/occ.

Adoption/Foster Connection Meeting — Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. Come meet with current and interested foster/adoptive parents to encourage and equip one another. Contact Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Communion Service — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, November 17 in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

K4-6th grade Passport Night — Friday, November 15 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Come explore the Middle East through food and fun! Drop-off is in the Ministries Lobby. Register at briarwood.org/children by this Thursday, November 14 at noon.

"I Cared Enough" Gospel Thanksgiving Feast — Tuesday, November 26. Donate and help Daniel Cason Ministries feed 20,000 homeless and needy individuals in the Birmingham area. Find details for volunteering and contributing at icaredenough.com.

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.