



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 17, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 18:1–2

All: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“Lead Me to the Rock”

Kimberly Vice, Audrey Jowers & John Livingston

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. – from The Book of Common Worship

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of Communicants (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain” Trinity Hymnal

The Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 3:14–19

Leader: *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being,*

All: So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of 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

*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 Tithes & Our Offerings

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* "It Was Finished Upon that Cross"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*† James 4:1-10

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Gospel According to James: Humble Yourselves Before the Lord"
James 4:1-10

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation* "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" Hymn 175

Presentation of the Table

Corporate Confession of Sin Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Receiving of the Elements Denise Wichlan, Hunter Goff & Shane Davis, soloists

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Congregational Affirmation* "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" Hymn 175

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist

Welcome Olan Stubbs, Campus Outreach Director

Call to Worship Psalm 96:9–10a

Leader: *Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!”*

All: The LORD reigns!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“All My Boast Is in Jesus”*
“My Hope Is in the Lord”
“All Sufficient Merit”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani

“Brotherhood and Behavior in the Kingdom of God”
1 Corinthians 6:1–11

Song of Response* *“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”*
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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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FEATURED EVENTS

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.

Children's Choirs Program — Christmas Advent | December 1 *

Come Sunday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. to the Worship Center as the Children's Choirs bless us with the singing of Christmas songs and begin our Season of Advent.

"O, Come Let Us Adore Him" — The Briarwood Ballet | December 8 *

Join the Briarwood Ballet on Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center as they lead us in worship this Advent season with their presentation of "O, Come Let Us Adore Him." You can find additional details online at briarwood.org/ballet.

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.

"Hallelujah! Hope in Christ" — Briarwood Christmas Festival | December 15 *

Come experience Advent through musical and artistic presentations from the Briarwood Sanctuary Choir and the Festival Orchestra with guests, the Birmingham Boys Choir and The Briarwood Ballet. This event is free and open to the public.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Give thanks for a new prayer group of mothers of young children who focus on the Lord and His Word as their source of wisdom, comfort, and instruction. Pray for discernment and wisdom of the Pulpit Search Committee as they continue creating a profile for our next Senior Pastor from the congregation feedback.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Lifeline Children's Services as they follow James 1:27, "visit orphans and widows in their affliction." Pray they exemplify our adoption into God's eternal family by helping children find forever families with parents who teach them the Gospel. *The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's service.*

Hospitalized — Jack Wright, Kathy Smith, Mitzi Lafferty, Susan Stofel, Joy Blazer, Kathryn Brockman, Jessica Robinson, Jon Adcock, Gary Salmer, Claudia Hawkins, Don Byron

Our love and sympathy — to Kendall Duke and family on the death of her grandmother, Jane Michaels, on November 2; to Tami Cutcliffe, Ashleigh Durbin and family on the death of their husband and father, member Charlie Cutcliffe, on November 9; to Chuck and Alene Morgan, Darby Travers and family on the death of their son and brother, Robert Morgan, on November 11; and to Sue Leveille and family in the death of her husband, member Walter Leveille, on November 13.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Local Ministry Prayer Meeting — Today at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come gather for prayer to lift up our ministry partners as they show the love of Christ throughout Birmingham.

Briarwood Angel Gifts — Today at the Bookstore or Chapel Lobby. Help a child this Christmas by giving gifts to Briarwood Angels. Pick a paper angel with a specific need from the trees and shop for that child. Contact Amy Wood at apwood@briarwood.org.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes — Next Sunday, November 24 is the last time to turn in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Leave boxes in the Children's Auditorium Hallway or build a shoebox online at briarwood.org/occ.

"I Cared Enough" Gospel Thanksgiving Feast — Tuesday, November 26. Donate and help Daniel Cason Ministries distribute food to feed 20,000 homeless, special needs and elderly individuals in Birmingham. Find details for volunteering and contributing canned goods or hot food (cooked turkeys/ham, vegetables and desserts) at icaredenough.com.

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

Canned Food Drive — Sunday, December 8. Bring canned goods and non-perishables and leave them behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church. Donations benefit Oak Mountain Missions.

Trailblazers Lunch — Sunday December 8 at 12:15 p.m. Come enjoy lunch and hear our US representative, Gary Palmer. Purchase \$12 tickets at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Sacrament of Baptism — Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Leigh Ann Reese at 205-776-5301 or lreese@briarwood.org for available dates.

Submit Your EMC Pledge — You can still turn in your pledge for EMC. Go online to briarwood.org/emc or bring your Pledge Card to the Church Accounting Office.

Job Openings: Nursery Ministry Director — Director will implement, lead, and oversee the Nursery area to create a safe and nurturing environment to serve our young parents. Contact Jay Shaw at 205-776-5389 or send resume to jshaw@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.

Worship Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Charles Cutcliffe from his funeral on November 14. The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Robert Morgan from his funeral on November 16.

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