



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 – January 5, 2025

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

...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 45:17

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

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Hymn 97

The Confession of Truth*

Philippians 2:5–11

Leader: *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

All: Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

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 *"At the Name of Jesus"*

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"It Was Finished Upon that Cross"*
"Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me"
"Speak, O Lord"

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*† Matthew 6:25–33

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Dan Doriani

"Seek First the Kingdom"
Matthew 6:25–33

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:3

All: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

“Jesus Paid it All”

“Your Will Be Done”

Hannah Brennan, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Dan Doriani

“Glorify God with the Body: Paul’s Theology of Marriage and Sex”

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

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 | January 8–April 9 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 19

Join us to celebrate the Sanctity of Life. Our Ministry Partners will be recognized in morning worship and you can visit with them in the Fellowship Hallway following the services. View a list of Briarwood's Ministry Partners at briarwood.org/sanctity.

The Lampstand Birmingham Conference — Church Revitalization | January 23–26

Come be encouraged on how a church stays healthy by being on mission, on message, and in ministry. Members are invited to the Lampstand Conference for the special rate of \$75 per person or \$100 per couple! Find details at briarwood.org/lampstand.

Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | January 31–February 1

Ladies, join us for the In-town Retreat "By Design: The One Thread of Scripture." Our keynote speaker will be Meaghan May. Registration cost is \$55 through January 22. Find additional information and register at briarwood.org/women.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Our purpose is to glorify God. May we seek the Lord daily in His Word and in prayer to glorify Him. Pray that all we do and say would be according to His Word. Give thanks to Him, for He is good! Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee as they endeavor to honor God in their work to find our next Senior Pastor.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for our Briarwood supported ministry partners in all the nations. Many partners have reported seeing large numbers of people respond to the gospel through their ministries. Pray for renewed strength, guidance as they plan for the new year, and for the Lord to supply all their needs according to His riches in glory.

Hospitalized — Jerry Wilson, Leigh McCarty, Joy Blazer, Ken Austin, John Lathram, Chris Peterson, Leland Eaton, Bobby Parks, Patti Claud, Jean Chase, Genar Reed, Julie Hollon

We rejoice — with Richard and Chesley Kalehoff on the birth of their son, Andrew Lee, on Dec. 30, and grandparents Rick and Barbara Kalehoff.

Our love and sympathy — to the family of member Opal Oaks on her death on December 20; to the friends and family of long-time, retired Briarwood Nursery employee, Juanita Turner, on her death on December 26; to JoAnne Roddam and family on the death of her husband, member Roy Roddam, on December 27; and to Teresa and Amy Kathryn Stokes and family on the death of her father and grandfather, Mack Brown, on December 22.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Winter/Spring Bible Studies — Begins January 6. Ladies join one of the six studies. There are opportunities in person/online; in the morning/evening; and in the Old Testament/New Testament. Go to briarwood.org/women to register and see details.

Men's Winter/Spring Studies — Begins January 6. 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 additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Infant Baptism Class — Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This class on the meaning of Infant Baptism will be taught by Stephen King and open to all ages. Contact Leigh Anne Reese at 205-776-5301 or lreese@briarwood.org to register.

Griefshare MidWeek Class — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 12-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Workbook is \$20. Call 205-776-5227.

Lay-counseling MidWeek Class — Starts Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in A201 led by Dr. Greg Norfleet. Come grow as a friend, ministry leader, or potential lay counselor as you walk with others in wisdom, love, and skill. Call 205-776-5281 with questions.

K4–6th Grade Passport Night — Friday, January 10 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. Come and explore Germany through food and fun! Register online by Thursday, January 9 at noon at briarwood.org/children. Parents, volunteer by emailing ebaker@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers Coffee — Tuesday January 14 at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall–D. Melissa Cooper with Senior Placement Services will share how they can be your advocate as you search for Senior Living communities. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Become a Briarwood Member — January 22, 25 and 26. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

Lampstand Conference Volunteers Needed — January 23–26. Briarwood is hosting the upcoming conference. If you are willing to house, lend a vehicle or drop off snacks before the conference, contact Christi Bono at cbono@briarwood.org or 205-776-5243.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

Trailblazer Travel — March 24–28. Join Trailblazers on a trip to Savannah, Jekyll Island, and Beaufort, South Carolina. Go online to briarwood.org/trailblazers or contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org for more information.

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.