



*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 12, 2025

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## 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 46:7

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"We Will Glorify"*  
Briarwood Orchestra

*O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## The Sacrament of Baptism (10:55)

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"Lead On, O King Eternal"* Hymn 483

## The Confession of Truth\*

Psalm 47:6–9

Leader: *Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Leader: *The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.*

All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!

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 Tithe & Our Offerings**

**The Offertory**

*"Be Still and Know"*  
from Psalm 46, Sanctuary Choir

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\***

*"Christus Victor"*  
*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*  
*"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\*†**

2 Peter 1:2-7, 1 Cor. 6:9-11, Romans 8:29

**Exposition of God's Word**

Dr. Dan Doriani

*"Seek First the King and His Holy Character"*  
2 Peter 1:2-7, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Romans 8:29

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

**Congregational Prayer**

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

**Congregational Affirmation\***

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Postlude**

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\*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](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude** Daniel Cason

**Welcome** Benny Youngblood

**Call to Worship** Psalm 1:1-2

All: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*  
*“Who Is Like the Lord (Psalm 113)”*  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory** Daniel Cason

**Scripture & Sermon** Dr. Dan Doriani  
*“Marriage and Mission”*  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40

**Service of Officer Ordination & Installation** Benny Parks

**Benediction\***

**Doxology\***

**Right Hand of Fellowship** Elders & Congregation

**Postlude**

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## 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**

Join us for Wednesday dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m. then attend a class and activity for the entire family. Find information and register for dinners at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek). Nursery available at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

### **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](http://briarwood.org/sanctity).

### **Seek First the Kingdom, Call to Prayer — Church Wide | January 19**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 19 to attend a special evening service with a focus on a time of prayer, worship in song and concluding with communion. This service will be in the Worship Center from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

### **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](http://briarwood.org/lampstand).

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Pray for Briarwood's Adoption Connection as they assist those going through the process as well as minister to families with adopted children in their homes. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee as they trust God to direct their steps and give them discernment in the process to our next Senior Pastor.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for our church plant partners across the country going into this new year. Pray these new plants would see growth, not only in attendance and membership, but in Christ centered, spiritual health of their leadership and church.

**Hospitalized** — Paul Bentley, Barbara Cartledge, Virginia Jager, Don Davis, Jack Fuqua, Tom Harris, Genar Reed, Linda Rose, Hunter Goff, Sandy Bell, Margaret Evans, Blake Stevens, Ellen Fox, Barbara Hayes

**We rejoice** — with Ben and Kathleen Stallings on the birth of their son, James Bennett, on December 30; with Matt and Mary Beth Bush on the birth of their son, Robert Carlisle, on December 31, and grandparents Todd and Karen Carlisle and Mike and Laura Bush; and with David and Jennifer Bookout on the birth of their daughter, Sally Elisabeth, on January 2, and grandparents Buck and Gloria Witt.

**Our love and sympathy** — to Gloria and Elisa Sitarz and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Anita Bryant Dry, on December 16; to the family of member Opal Oaks on her death on December 19; to Colin, Erin, Will and Ben McCown and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Yvonne McCown, on January 5; and to Scott Hannah and family on the death of his mother, Mary Ann Hannah, on January 7.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

**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](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**Adoption/Foster Connection Meeting** — Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. Current and interested foster and adoption parents meet with other like-minded families to encourage and equip one another. Email [w.carter.ralph@gmail.com](mailto:w.carter.ralph@gmail.com).

**Diaper and Wipe Drive for Bundles of Hope** — January 19. Bring your bags of diapers and wipes to leave behind your car for pickup while you are in church.

**Communion Service** — The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, January 19 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cbono@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5243.

**Women's In-Town Retreat** — January 31–February 1. Ladies, join us for "By Design: The One Thread of Scripture" with Meaghan May. Find more information and register (\$55) at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) by January 22.

**Trailblazer Travel** — March 24–28. Travel with friends to Savannah, Jekyll Island, and Beaufort. Find details at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Women's Winter/Spring Bible Studies** — 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](http://briarwood.org/women) to register and see details.

**Men's Winter/Spring Studies** — 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 class topics, teachers, and additional information at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**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** — Meets Wednesdays 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.

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