



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

Sanctity of Life Sunday – January 19, 2025

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 86:1–2

All: Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save Your servant, who trusts in You—You are my God.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn 8

The Confession of Truth*

Psalm 139:13–16

Leader: *For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.*

All: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

Recognition of Sanctity of Life Partners

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

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Creation Sings the Father's Song"
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

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*†

Romans 9:1-9

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Let Us Claim the Privileges of God's Covenants"
Romans 9:1-9

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

Congregational Affirmation*

"Rise Up, O Church of God" Hymn 293

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

Special Service of Prayer, Praise, & the Word • 5:00–7:00 p.m.



Seek First the
**KING & HIS
KINGDOM**

Sunday, January 19 • 5:00–7:00 p.m.

A special service of Prayer, Praise, and the Word.
We will conclude our time with the celebration
of the Lord's Supper.

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

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | Through 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 dinner registration at briarwood.org/midweek.

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 is \$55 through this Wednesday, January 22. Find additional information and register at briarwood.org/women.

Global Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | February 25 - March 3 *

This year's 60th Annual Global Ministries Conference will focus on "Our Strong Foundation" in the Lord. Our speaker will be Dr. Stafford Carson and we will hear and learn from our supported global ministry partners. We need your help hosting missionary families! See how you can help at briarwood.org/gmc.

* 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

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for our newly installed Briarwood elders and deacons. Pray that they would be committed to following Jesus, walking in holiness, leading with humility, and serving with truth and grace. Pray for the Lord to bless the efforts of the Pulpit Search Committee as they work to honor Him.

Missions Prayer Focus — This Sanctity of Life Sunday, pray for our hearts to be softened to the inherent value of every human life. May we boldly stand in defense of life from conception to natural death, committing to protect and value every individual, and reflect God's love and compassion in all we do.

Hospitalized — Robin Defnall, Pat Dortch, Margaret Evans, Al Black, Jack Fuqua, Virginia Jager, John Thornton, Marilyn Mullis, Robert Pugh

Our love and sympathy — to Mabry Fisher and family on the death of her grandmother, Mattie Ruth Fisher, on January 2; to Sharon Head, Abby Haley and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Martin Lardner, on January 8; And to Matt and Abby Piell and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Dave Piell, on January 14.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Church and School Offices closed — Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Day.

WBL Working Singles Event — Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Caroline House. Hear Betsy Childs Howard and Summer Smith Lee discuss the tough issues of life as single women while embracing the joys of each day. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Become a Briarwood Member — January 22, 25 and 26. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Class meets for three sessions and a lunch. 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 or lend a vehicle, contact Christi at cbono@briarwood.org or 205-776-5243. Homemade baked goods are also needed. Bring them Wednesday, January 22 by 5:00 p.m. to the cart in the Church Kitchen.

Briarwood Soccer — It's time to register for spring soccer! Registration opens for boys and girls age 5–15 at briarwoodsoccer.com or 205-776-5114 by February 7.

Chainsaw Training — February 8 from 8:00 a.m.–noon in Fellowship Hall-A. Join us to serve with the Disaster Response team through training of tree removal and chainsaw safety. Classroom and hands-on opportunity provided. Signup at briarwood.org/events.

Trailblazer Travel — March 24–28. Come travel with friends to Savannah, Jekyll Island, and Beaufort, South Carolina. Go online to briarwood.org/trailblazers or contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org for more information.

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 to register and see details.

Men's Winter/Spring 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.

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.

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