



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

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 25:6–7

Leader: *Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.*

All: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“Higher Ground”
Briarwood Orchestra

O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tinctured with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You are always bringing forth the best robe. – adapted from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hymn 92

The Confession of Truth*

Deuteronomy 7:7–11

Leader: *It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

All: Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate Him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates Him. He will repay him to his face.

Leader: *You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things
that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19*

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Father, We Adore Thee"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"
"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

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*†

Romans 9:10–18

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Sovereign Justice and Mercy of Our Lord"
Romans 9:10–18

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*

"His Mercy Is More"

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

Vocal Introit Sarah Lumpkin, soloist
Hunter Goff, accompanist

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 25:4–5

All: Make me to know Your ways. O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”
“Jesus, Only Jesus”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani

“Divorce”
1 Corinthians 7:10–16

Doxology*

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

Our Strong Foundation — Global Ministries Conference | February 23 – March 2 *

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.

GLOW — Children's Global Ministries Conference | February 23–26

During the Global Ministries Conference, children will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children's Auditorium Sunday night through Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

Faith Promise Sunday — Global Ministries Conference | March 2 *

During the Morning Worship Services, we will have the opportunity to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they prepare to go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Be in prayer, asking the Lord what He would have you pledge by faith to the Global Missions Fund. Sunday evening we will close the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

* 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 the Women's Ministry In-Town Retreat this Friday and for those attending to have a sweet time of fellowship and for their hearts to be impacted. Pray for the retreat speaker Meaghan May, who currently serves under the Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM) as the Elders' Wives Liaison for the PCA. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to trust God's promise that "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for all those who attended the Lampstand Conference that concludes this morning. May God bless the pastors and church leaders as they return to their churches and begin to apply the health and vitality guidance set forth by the conference leaders.

Hospitalized — Al Black, Linda Cobb, Jean Chase, Barry Wood, Charles Johnson

Our love and sympathy — to friends and family of member Barbara Edwards on her death on January 3; and to Matt Piell and Abby Ford and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Dave Piell, on January 14; to Joseph Robinson and family on the death of his father, Judson Robinson, on January 18; and to Janet Norden, Bekah Hill, Nathan Norden and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Betty Hughes, on January 20.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Trailblazers Valentine Dinner — Thursday February 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come dine with friends and enjoy music from Jay and the Elders. Purchase tickets (\$12) at briarwood.org/trailblazers or contact Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org.

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.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Classes meet weekly in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to questrecreation.org/fitness-classes for details.

Women's Winter/Spring Bible Studies — Ladies, join one of the six studies. There are opportunities in person or online; in the morning or evening; and in the Old Testament or 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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in A105. Come join a study of Galatians led by Chris Thompson.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Through April 9. Join us for Wednesday dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m., then attend a class or activity for the entire family. Find information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

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.

Men's Weekly Prayer — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View House. Start the New Year off in a great way by joining the Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group. For more information contact Stephen King at sking@briarwood.org.

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

Job Openings: Nursery Ministry Director — This position will lead the nursery ministry to serve our parents by creating a safe and nurturing environment for their children. 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.