



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 – March 30, 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

Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words... Deuteronomy 4:10

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 100:4–5

Pastor: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Name of All Majesty"

Briarwood Choir

Lord God Almighty, You have made known to me that my salvation is Christ's work, but to cleave to Him by faith is my work, and with this faith is the necessity of my daily repentance as a mourning for the sin which Christ by grace has removed. Continue, O God, to teach me that faith apprehends Christ's righteousness not only for the satisfaction of justice, but as unspotted evidence of Your love to me. Help me to make use of His work of salvation as the ground of peace, and of Your favor to, and acceptance of me the sinner, so that I may live always near the cross. –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 7:6–9 (selected)

Pastor: *You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*

All: 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.

Pastor: *Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him and obey His commands.*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings
be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1*

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

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs*

"Sovereign Over Us"

"Only a Holy God"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Romans 12:9–16

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"A Life of Love"

Romans 12:9–16

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Congregational Affirmation*

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Meeting (10:55)

Pastor Benny Parks

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

Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastor of Pastoral Care

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:12–13

All: Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“All I Have Is Christ”

“The Solid Rock” Hymn 404

“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Dan Doriani

“The Lord Protects His People”

1 Samuel 21–23

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

Holy Week 2025 — Worship Services | April 13–20 *

Remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ with us during Holy Week. We will have Worship Services on Palm Sunday (April 13), an evening Communion Service on Maundy Thursday (April 17), a Service of Reflection at noon on Good Friday (April 18), and on Easter Sunday (April 20), a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and Worship Services. Find details at briarwood.org/holyweek.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 26 *

On the morning of April 26, we will have the opportunity to work together on a wide range of service projects that will help support several of our local ministries. This will be a great time to serve as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for the glory of God! Find additional information and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

Seek First the King in Marriage — Couples Marriage Retreat | May 2–4

Come invest in your marriage and enjoy a weekend away together in beautiful downtown Huntsville! We will have three sessions with Dr. Doriani, a married couples panel discussion, and Sunday morning worship. Find additional information and register online by April 2 at briarwood.org/marriageretreat.

* 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 volunteers on the short-term mission trip to L'Arcada Camp in Spain from March 28 to April 12. Pray for their safety as they perform construction and maintenance to get ready for the summer. May the Lord use this camp to reach many for Christ. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to trust in the power and goodness of the Lord to bless them in their effort to find the man God has called to be our next Senior Pastor. (Psalm 134:1–3)

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the preparations for IMPACT Birmingham on April 26, as we partner with local ministries to serve together as the body of Christ. Pray that hearts will be moved to join these ministries in sharing the love of Christ.

Hospitalized — Carolyn Campbell, Steve Hall, Sarah Frances Wilson, Gene Head, Margi Lyles

Our love and sympathy — to Sara Foust and family on the death of her stepfather, MA Lunceford, on February 25; to Amy Barrett Downs and family on the death of her father, Nolan Downs, on March 19; to Eric Evans and family on the death of his mother, Sachiko 'Yuki' Evans, on March 21; and to Keri and Andrew McGehee, Brooke Hunt and family on the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Bootsy Barry, on March 22.

Worship Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Jean Lathram from her memorial service on March 25.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Promise Pledges — Today is the final Sunday to turn in your Faith Promise card during a worship service, mail your card to Briarwood, email faithpromise@briarwood.org with your commitment, or fill out the form at briarwood.org/faithpromise.

Campus Security Update — Construction is scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks on a security fence around the Briarwood Christian Lower School. This will not interfere with regular church activity or access. Learn more at briarwood.org/fence.

Congregational Meeting — Today at 12:00 p.m. The Session has called a Congregational meeting for the purpose of calling Benny Youngblood as an Associate Pastor.

Unbound 216 Easter Hygiene Packs — deadline is today. Briarwood is partnering to deliver hygiene kits to prison inmates as an Easter gift. Bring new deodorant sticks (no sprays) to the Chapel hallway or Ministry Lobby.

Children's Passport Night — Friday, April 4 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about the country of Egypt through food and fun! Parent volunteers are needed. Register online at briarwood.org/passport by this Thursday, April 3 at noon.

Easter Lily Dedication — Next Sunday, April 6 ordering deadline. Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday. Order now online at briarwood.org/lily or drop by the Membership Office (A101).

CMMA Human Trafficking Seminar — Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Healthcare providers are invited to hear from an expert in the field on how to identify victims of human trafficking. Register at cmmauab.org/ministry-activities.

May Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting ibuprofen (200mg) and Tylenol (500mg). Donations can be left in the CMMA box in the Mailroom. Email cmmaadmin@briarwood.org with any questions.

VBS 2025 — June 2–6. Registration opens April 1 at briarwood.org/vbs for children attending and teen helper sign-up. We need 150 more volunteers. Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery volunteers are also needed to serve as classroom shepherds! Contact Sarah at [sstewart@briarwood.org](mailto:ssstewart@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5214.

Camp Briarwood Alumni — If you went to Camp Briarwood and/or worked as a counselor and now have children going to Camp Briarwood or working as a counselor, we would love to hear from you! Email us at quest@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5237.

Job Opportunity: Nursery Admin Supervisor — Part-time position to support the Director with day-to-day needs, interact with parents, and to help manage staff. Contact Sarah Stewart at [sstewart@briarwood.org](mailto:ssstewart@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5214 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.