



*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

Palm Sunday – Morning Services of Divine Worship – April 13, 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

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

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 118:26

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

## Prelude, Meditation & Confession

*"Blessed is He"* (W. A. Mozart)

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra & Soloists

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Receiving of New Members (10:55)

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* Hymn 173

## Children's Palm Processional

*"It Was Finished Upon that Cross"*

Briarwood Youth Choir, Chris Neugent, Director

## The Confession of Truth\*

Luke 24:44–49

Pastor: *Then He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them,*

All: *"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

Pastor: *You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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

**Ministry Opportunities for Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

**Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithes & Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering of Worship**

*"Only Jesus (Breath and Clay)"*  
Audrey Jowers, Korey Cox & Alonza Jones, soloists

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*** *"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"*

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 5:1-5

**Exposition of God's Word**

Dr. Dan Doriani

*"The Fruit of Jesus' Work: Peace, Access, Joy, Endurance"*  
Romans 5:1-5

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\***

*"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* Hymn 228

**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

Service of Preparation for Holy Week – 6:00 p.m.

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<b>Prelude</b>	Briarwood Orchestra
<b>Welcome</b>	Rev. Saeyoung Park, Singles Pastor
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Psalm 2:1–6
<b>Prayer of Invocation</b>	
<b>Hymn of Praise*</b>	<i>“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”</i> Hymn 278
<b>Season of Scripture, Prayer &amp; Hymns</b>	Philippians 2:1–11 Rev. Max Bunn, Mobilization Pastor
	Luke 19:28–40 Rev. Rob Genin, Executive Director, YBL
	Offering Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor
	Hebrews 2:17; 4:14–15; 7:26; 9:26; 10:11 Dr. Olan Stubbs, Campus Outreach Director
<b>Meditation</b>	Rev. Stephen King, Young Couples Pastor
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”</i> Hymn 97
<b>Benediction</b>	Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior Pastor
<b>Postlude</b>	Briarwood Orchestra

## 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](http://briarwood.org/holyweek).

### **IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 26 \***

Registration closes today for all IMPACT Birmingham projects. 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! Sign up on the Briarwood App or at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact).

### **Spring Music Concert — Evening Worship | May 4**

Join us for “Hope in Christ!” on Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. This musical offering of worship will feature inspiring works from Mozart’s “Coronation Mass” along with scriptures, anthems, and hymns all centered on the Gospel Message.

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — As we observe Palm Sunday, we are grateful that Jesus was not only making a triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but to the cross to take on the sin of His people. Give thanks for the children waving palm branches in our morning worship. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to trust in the Lord’s unwavering purpose and sovereignty. May they find peace knowing His plans will prevail.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for the churches whose leaders attended Lampstand not only from across the U.S. but other countries. May the Lord use the tools, teachings and encouragements they received to be a fruitful leader in their congregations.

**Hospitalized** — Steve Briggs, Barbara Bullock, Jean Chase, June Cork, Beth Mooney, Ed Warren, Bill Feist, Sarah Frances Wilson

**We rejoice** — with Austin and Hannah Ryals on the birth of their daughter, Callaway ‘Cally’ Elizabeth, on April 3.

**Our love and sympathy** — to Carlene Rasberry and family on the death of her father, Edward Lee Patton, on April 5.

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# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Easter Basket Donations** — Deadline is today. The Women's Ministry is collecting Easter baskets for Daniel Cason Ministries' evangelistic children's event. Cellophane wrapped Easter baskets can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office.

**Bookstore Holiday Hours** — The Bookstore is closed on Good Friday but will open Easter Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. if you need a book or gift to bless someone.

**Church and School Offices Closed** — Friday, April 18 in observance of Good Friday.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — April 23, 26 and 27. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Class. Attending does not obligate you to join. To sign up, call 205-776-5208 or email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**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](http://cmmauab.org/ministry-activities).

**Canned Food Drive** — Sunday, April 27. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

**Officer Nominations** — April 1–30. Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2028 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of April. Online submissions will be accepted through April 30 at [briarwood.org/nominations](http://briarwood.org/nominations). For more information, contact Leigh Ann Reese at [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**VBS 2025** — June 2–6. Registration is now open at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs) for children attending and teen helper sign-up. We need 125 more volunteers! Email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org). Nursery volunteers are also needed to serve as classroom shepherds. Contact Sarah at [sstewart@briarwood.org](mailto:ssewart@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5214.

**Faith Promise Update** — As of the end of March, \$2,890,157.38 has been pledged to our Global Missions Faith Promise Fund, exceeding our Hallelujah goal of \$2,873,434 by \$16,723.38. Thank you to everyone who participated in this Faith Promise season and praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**Briarwood Audio/Video Team** — Worship God and serve in the church by contributing your talents to the Sunday AV Team. Tasks include running worship slides, operating live-stream cameras, and more. If you are interested, email [lmckee@briarwood.org](mailto:lmckee@briarwood.org).

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

**Job Opening: Receptionist Substitute** — Seeking a part-time Receptionist Substitute to fill in as needed. If interested, contact Bobbi Scruggs at [bscruggs@briarwood.org](mailto:bscruggs@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](http://briarwood.org/employment).