

## FOR GOD'S GLORY,

WE ARE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING CHRISTIANS TO
WORSHIP GOD AND TO REACH BIRMINGHAM TO
REACH THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.



# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship - October 5, 2025

## **Worship Leaders**

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

#### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

"I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise." Hebrews 2:12

### Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 32:5

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave

the iniquity of my sin.

#### Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Blessed Assurance"

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross, crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise. –adapted from The Valley of Vision

#### Invocation

**Gospel Word of Salvation** 

Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

Hymns of Ascents\*

"God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" Hymn 268

The Confession of Truth\*

Zechariah 7:8-14 (NLT, selected)

Pastor: Then this message came to Zechariah from the LORD: This is what the LORD of

Heaven's Armies says:

All: Judge fairly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. Do not oppress

widows, orphans, foreigners, and the poor. And do not scheme against

each other.

Pastor: Your ancestors refused to listen to this message. They made their hearts as hard

as stone, so they could not hear the instructions or the messages that the LORD of Heaven's Armies had sent them by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. Then another message came to me from the LORD of Heaven's Armies: This is

what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:

All: My love for Mount Zion is passionate and strong; I am consumed with passion for Jerusalem! And now the LORD says: I am returning to Mount Zion, and I will live in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City; the mountain of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will be called the Holy Mountain.

#### 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

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5

#### Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Order My Steps" Briarwood Choir

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me" The Sing! Hymnal #594

#### 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\*†

Ephesians 4:17–32

**Exposition of God's Word** 

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ "Truth in Love" Ephesians 4:17–32

#### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21

Pastoral Benediction\*

Congregational Affirmation\*

"Take My Life and Let It Be" Hymn 379

Postlude "Almost Home"

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

**Prelude** Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome Rev. Rob Genin, Young Business Leaders Director

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1

All: Praise the LORD! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

**Prayer of Invocation** 

**Songs of Praise\*** "As For Me and My House"

"There Is One Gospel"
"How Great (Psalm 145)"

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

**Offertory Prayer** 

The Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

"You Only Have I Known" Amos 3:1–15

Pastoral Benediction\*

Congregational Affirmation\* Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Postlude

\*The congregation is requested to stand, if able.  $\dagger$ 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 "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

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# FEATURED EVENTS

#### IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 18 \*

On the morning of October 18, 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 day of service will kick off our Local and National Ministries Conference as we seek to IMPACT Birmingham for the glory of God! Learn more and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

**Local & National Ministries Conference** — **Briarwood Missions** | **October 19–20** \* Join us Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20 to hear from guest speaker Dr. Sandy Willson and our National ministry partners who will share during Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find additional details and see how you can volunteer at briarwood.org/nmc.

\* 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** — Give thanks for the many dedicated volunteers leading our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) every Sunday evening. We pray for the choirs as they prepare for their upcoming Christmas concert. We are grateful to see the lives of these children blessed as they learn to "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song!"

**Birmingham Prayer Focus** — Pray for Lifeline Children's Services as they serve vulnerable children and families through fostering, adoption, counseling, and support for unplanned pregnancies. Ask for God's guidance in sharing the gospel and providing hope, healing, and loving care to those in need within local communities.

Missions Prayer Focus — Praise God for a great beginning to Briarwood's Fall ESL classes. Pray for the 75 internationals from over 18 different countries who walk through Briarwood's doors weekly to study English. Pray God would use relationships formed in the classroom and His Word shared at ESL to draw people to himself. The flag of Honduras will be in the worship center this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Carolyn Campbell, Joanne Cofer, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Debbie Frey, Jack Fuqua, Jim Griffin, Joby Hurst, Carol Lee, Gabrian Turner, and JoAnn Weston.

Our love and sympathy to Claudia and Sergio Hereñú and family on the death of their husband and father, member Gilberto 'Tito' Hereñú, on September 27; and to Janet Bittner and family on the death of her brother, John Thomas Bond, Jr., on September 28.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App. In your Briarwood App settings, enable "Weekly Prayer Guide" notifications.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Special Connections Respite Care Night** — Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in N-110. Parents with special needs children, enjoy an evening off! Register on the Briarwood App or contact Michael Johnson at mjohnson@briarwood.org.

**Trailblazers Tailgate Lunch** — Friday, October 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wings and drinks provided. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

**SHINE** — Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20. Children grades K4 – 6th, join us during our National Ministries Conference in the Children's Auditorium. There will be missionaries speaking, fun and games! No registration is required.

**BTS Fall Theology Conference** — October 23–25 at Urban Hope Community Church. Join BTS for their Fall Theology Conference, hosting the Center for Biblical Unity Team on Biblical Views on Justice in Society. Register online at bts.education.

**Baptism Class** — October 29. At Briarwood, we ask that all new parents desiring to have their baby baptized either join our one-night baptism class or meet with Jay Shaw prior to setting up a date for baptism. For information, email lreese@briarwood.org

**Children's Choirs** — Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet Sunday evenings during the worship hour at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205.222.1062.

**Women's Fall Studies** — Women, pick from classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics and information at briarwood.org/women.

**Men's Fall Studies** — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See additional information at briarwood.org/men.

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — Join us for dinner, classes and activities for the entire family each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find additional information at briarwood.org/midweek.

**Grace House Goody Bag Donations Needed** — Help us bless the girls at Grace House by donating items like hand lotion, chapstick, hand sanitizer, candy, and other small treats. Drop off donations on Sunday mornings, October 5 & 12, in the church lobbies.

**Job Openings: Kitchen Assistant** — Part-time position available to assist in the Briarwood kitchen. Send inquiries and resumes to sblahnik@briarwood.org.

**Job Opening: Scheduling Coordinator** — This position works under the facilities dept of the church, and maintains a detailed room scheduling process. Must be proficient in computer operations. Salary plus benefits. Contact Steve Goebel at 205.776.5230 or sgoebel@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.