



# *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 – November 16, 2025

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## 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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 34:8

All: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes  
refuge in Him.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"My Shepherd will Supply My Need"*

Briarwood Orchestra

*Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. – from The Book of Common Worship*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Receiving of Communicants (11:00)

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"Our Great Savior"* Hymn 89

## The Confession of Truth\*

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Pastor: *What is your only comfort in life and death?*

All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and  
in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3*

## 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 Tithe & Our Offerings**

**The Offertory**

*“And Can It Be?”*

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\***

*“Christus Victor”*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**New Testament Reading\*†**

Ephesians 6:1–9

**Exposition of God’s Word**

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ

“Service with a Good Will”

Ephesians 6:1–9

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19*

**Hymn of Preparation\***

*“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”* Trinity Hymnal

**Presentation of the Table**

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

from Daniel 9:4–10 (selected and adapted)

**Receiving of the Elements**

**The Bread**

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

Hannah Darlington, Soloist

**The Cup**

Hunter Goff, Organist

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn of Response**

*“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”* Trinity Hymnal

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\***

*“The Doxology with Alleluias”*

**Postlude**

# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Prelude**

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

**Welcome**

Rev. Max Bunn, Mobilization Pastor

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 1:1–2

Pastor: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

All: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise\***

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”* Hymn 292

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory**

**Scripture & Sermon**

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

“What God Showed Me”  
Amos 8

**The Ordination & Installation of Wright Draper**

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\***

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

**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 “signed” each week in the Worship Center.

Morning services are available live on WLJR 88.5 FM. and online at [briarwood.org/livestream](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Service of Thanksgiving — Evening Worship | November 23**

Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to reflect on their thankfulness to the Lord at the conclusion of the worship service.

### **Children's Choirs Christmas Concert — Children's Music | November 30**

During the Evening Worship Service enjoy a special Christmas Concert from the Briarwood Children's Choirs. For information, email [sphillips@briarwood.org](mailto:sphillips@briarwood.org).

### **"Light of Heaven" — Briarwood Ballet | December 7 \***

Celebrate the Advent season with the Briarwood Ballet as they lead us in worship with their presentation on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Admission is free.

### **Walk Through Nativity — Church Wide | December 10–12 \***

December 10, 11 and 12 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Over 750 volunteer actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene-builders, and greeters are needed for this year's Walk Through. Sign up at [briarwood.org/wtn](http://briarwood.org/wtn) or call 205-776-5282.

\* 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** — Thank you for the gift of Godly leaders in our church who "are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account". Enable us to serve under their leadership in such a way that they might lead us "with joy and not with groaning" (Hebrews 13:17) so that in all things, You might be glorified.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who are experiencing increasing opposition and persecution, harassment, arrests and even death, intended to silence their witness. Pray for courage and perseverance, and strength for each day to live faithfully for Christ. Pray others would see the hope of Christ reflected in their lives. The Flag of Nigeria is featured in the Worship Center.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Marsha Anders, Sandy Bell, Nancy Christie, Sherri Dewberry, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Elizabeth Holmes, JoAnn Weston, and Pam Renfroe.

Our love and sympathy to Linda Forbes and family on the death of her daughter, Jennifer Rock, on November 7; and to Gay Wright and family on the death of her brother, Jerry Anderson, on November 9.

We rejoice with Carson and Abby Haley on the birth of their son, Bennett Hunter, on November 8, and with grandparents Gene and Sharon Head, Jr. and great-grandfather Gene Head, Sr.

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Briarwood Angels** — Gifts will benefit Birmingham area children and families in need. Trees are available this morning in the Bookstore and the Chapel Lobby.

**Local Ministry Prayer** — This evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. All are invited to come and pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

**Briarwood Handbell Choir** — Beginning this evening. Practice Sunday afternoons from 3:30–4:30 p.m. We will play in the morning services on Sunday December 21. Email Shane Davis at [mshane327@gmail.com](mailto:mshane327@gmail.com) for more information.

**Short-Term Honduras Mission Trip** — This evening at 4:30 p.m. in W-203. Prayerfully consider attending an informational meeting to learn more about a trip to Honduras from January 17 to 22, 2026. If interested, please email [hmcDougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcDougall@briarwood.org).

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes** — November 23 is the final day to pack a shoebox with toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a child's life! Turn in boxes to the Children's Auditorium. Include \$10 shipping. Build a box online at [briarwood.org/occ](http://briarwood.org/occ).

**"I Cared Enough" Gospel Thanksgiving Feast** — November 25. Donate and help Daniel Cason Ministries distribute food to feed 10,000 homeless, special needs and elderly individuals in the Birmingham area. Find details at [icaredenough.com](http://icaredenough.com).

**Trailblazers Christmas Sing-A-Long** — December 5 at 1:00 p.m. Meet us at Cahaba Ridge Retirement Community to sing familiar Christmas songs with Hunter Goff. Sign up online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Christmas Poinsettias** — Available through December 7. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone this Advent season. You can pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve candlelight service. Purchase for \$18 at [briarwood.org/poinsettia](http://briarwood.org/poinsettia).

**Camp Briarwood** — December 15 at 5:30 p.m. in G-101. Come hear about what it's like to be a camp counselor and get the chance to talk to current counselors about their testimony with Camp. Pizza will be provided! RSVP to [quest@briarwood.org](mailto:quest@briarwood.org).

**BYG Laguna Beach Retreat** — December 27–30. All 9th–12th graders, don't miss this incredible trip as we close out the year with seaside activities, teaching from Wright Draper, and worship with Ezra Worship Initiative. Register at [briarwood.org/laguna](http://briarwood.org/laguna).

**Submit Your EMC Pledge** — You can still turn in your pledge for EMC. Go online to [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc) or bring your Pledge Card to the Church Accounting Office.

**Job Opening: Women's & Children's Counselor** — Qualifications include a master's degree in biblical counseling and five years of counseling experience. A candidate should inquire with resume to Patti Claud at [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org).

**Job Openings: Families, Youth, & College Administrative Assistant** — Candidate will support the Youth, College and Family Ministries through day-to-day administrative tasks. This is a full-time position with benefits. Send resumes to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**Part-time Receptionist Substitute** — If interested, email [bscruggs@briarwood.org](mailto:bscruggs@briarwood.org).