



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 23, 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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 30:12

All: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Come Thankful People"

Briarwood Orchestra

As the prophets of old cried out among Your people who were weary and downcast, yearning for the coming Promised Messiah, so today Your call rings out through the proclamation of Your Word, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Oh Lord, speak to my heart during this season of grace as You spoke to Your prophets and saints. Allow me to fix my gaze upon Christ, Redeemer and Savior of His people, and to relive the joy of His blessed Advent.

Choral Introit

"This Is My Father's World"

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (11:00)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymns of Thanksgiving*

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Hymn 559

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymn 560

"We Gather Together" Hymn 561

The Confession of Truth*

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Pastor: *What does the Scripture say is God's will for us?*

All: The Scriptures say that we are to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

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

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Thank You Jesus for the Blood"

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 6:10–24

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

"Where the Conflict Really Lies"

Ephesians 6:10–24

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

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"Now Thank We All Our God" Hymn 556

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 "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Morning services are available live on WLJR 88.5 FM. and online at briarwood.org/livestream.

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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Bryan Wintersteen, Global Missions Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1–3

Pastor: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn 2

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Hymn 43

Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Hymn

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

“Planted, Never Again Uprooted”
Amos 9:1–5

Season of Thanksgiving & Prayer

Doxology*

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Pastoral 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.

– Dr. Scott Redd & the Briarwood Church Family

FEATURED EVENTS

Service of Thanksgiving — Evening Worship | November 23 *

This evening, 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.

"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 or call 205-776-5282.

* 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 — Father, help us to learn the importance of giving thanks in everything. Our thanksgiving is a testimony to Your providence and sovereignty. Help us give thanks in all our circumstances.

Missions Prayer Focus — Please pray for Lifeline Children's Services. Lifeline uses James 1:27 as their call to care for orphaned and vulnerable children. Their desire is that the children they serve would have forever families and come to know the gospel. The flag of Birmingham is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Jerry Creager, Banks Farris, Kathy Lawrence, Steve Renfroe, JoAnn Weston and Elaine Willis.

Our love and sympathy to Andrew and Kari Clark and family on the deaths of Kari's grandmother, Geraldine 'Gerry' Browning, on November 9, and Andrew's mother, Mary Clark, on November 13; to Gene Branham and family on the death of his sister, Margaret Cleveland, on November 12; to the family of member Avonelle Goolsby, who died on November 14; and to Lynn Cline, Gene Head, Jr, Abby Haley, Carly Stanback and family on the death of their father and grandfather, member Gene Head, Sr., on November 16.

The two flower arrangements in the foyer this morning were given in honor of JG Cobb, Jr and in thankfulness to the LOVE Ministry by Linda Cobb.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child Boxes — Today is the final day to pack a shoebox to touch a child's life! Turn in boxes to the Children's Auditorium. Include \$10 shipping. Monday is the final day to build a box online at 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.

Briarwood Holiday Closing — Church and School Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 27 and 28. We will reopen Saturday morning.

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 or email 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.

Campus Outreach Celebration Luncheon — December 7 in FH-F. Alumni, Supporters, and Prayer Partners, join us for a luncheon where we will hear from local staff and celebrate the Lord's impact with Campus Outreach! RSVP to jef.fluevog@campusoutreach.org.

Camp Briarwood Registration Opens — December 8. Day Camp for rising 1st thru 3rd graders is June 8–12. Four Overnight Camp session options are available for rising 4th thru 10th graders during June 22–July 18. Register at campbriarwood.org.

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.

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.

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

Sunday Greeters Needed — We would love for your smiling face to be a welcoming presence for each person who walks through our doors. All ages can participate! You can serve individually or as a family. Email abarton@briarwood.org to volunteer.

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.

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.

Part-time Receptionist Substitute — If interested, email bscruggs@briarwood.org.