

BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## JESUS, THE SEED

*I will put enmity between  
you and the woman, and between  
your offspring and her offspring;  
He shall bruise your head, and  
you shall bruise His heel.*

Genesis 3:15

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 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

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 24:9–10

Pastor: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the  
King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?*

All: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*Almighty God, grant us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and place upon  
us the armor of light, as we sojourn in this life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit  
us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life everlasting; through Him Who  
lives and ever intercedes for us.*

## Invocation

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Eric & Monica Futral & family (8:00)

Brad & Holly Nichols & family (11:00)

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Carol of Ascents\*

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Carol 124

## The Confession of Truth\*

Isaiah 7:14

All: Therefore, the LORD Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall  
conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

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**

**The Offertory** “Mary’s Arms”  
Briarwood Choir & Praise Team

**Carols of Christmas\*** “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” Carol 128  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Carol 123

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

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

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**Old Testament Reading\*†** Genesis 3:8–15

**Exposition of God’s Word** Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

“Jesus, the Seed”  
Genesis 3:8–15

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\*** “The Doxology”

**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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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Welcome**

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

## **Celebrate Jesus**

Pre-school Christmas Choir

Julia Shirley, Pre-school Choir Coordinator

*“Celebrate Jesus Birthday”*

*“In Bethlehem”*

*“Joy, Joy, Joy to the World”*

*“Peace on Earth Tonight”*

*“Dear Jesus”*

*“I’m Tellin’!”*

*“Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus”*

## **A Joyful Christmas**

Briarwood Children’s Choirs

Shanna Philips, Children’s Choir Director

*“Caroling Song”*

*“Christmas Songs of Joy”*

*“What Can We Bring?”*

*“A Little Christmas”*

*“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”*

*“Come Adore the Humble King / O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

**Presentation of Gifts to Children**

**Pastoral Benediction\***

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

**Postlude**

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## 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

### **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.

### **"Your Light Has Come" — Briarwood Christmas Festival | December 21 \***

Come experience Advent through musical and artistic presentations from the Briarwood Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, and Ballet featuring special guest, Sandra McCracken. This event is free and open to the public.

\* 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** — Thankful for the International Christmas Party this Friday. Pray that we can form new relationships with the internationals and that they will know the true meaning of Christmas.

**Birmingham Prayer Focus** — Pray for the Aspire Movement as they connect students with mentors committed to Life-on-Life influence. We ask for wisdom for mentors as they guide students to grow in leadership and faith in Jesus. To learn more about the Aspire Movement, visit [aspiremovement.org](http://aspiremovement.org).

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Please pray that many internationals involved with Briarwood International Outreach via ESL, Friendship Partners, and One on One Bible reading will take part in upcoming Christmas events, including Briarwood's Annual International Christmas party December 5 and the Walk Through Nativity. Pray God would use the Christmas season and the Christmas story to draw many to Himself. The flag of Venezuela is featured this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Carolyn Campbell, Jerry Creager, Charlotte Donald, Barbara Matthews, Steve Renfroe, Reed Risner

Our love and sympathy to Tim Scott and family on the death of his brother, Bob Scott, on November 19.

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Congregational Meetings** — The Session has called Congregational Meetings for Sun., Dec. 7 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2028 and Sun., Dec. 14 for the purposes of receiving the 2026 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on Dec. 7. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service. On Dec 14 there will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. in the Worship Center to receive the 2026 budget.

**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).

**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](mailto: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](http://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](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).

**Lampstand Conference Volunteers Needed** — We need volunteers for housing and assembling notebooks for those attending our conference on January 22–24, 2026. If you would like to serve in these areas, contact Christi Bono at [cbono@briarwood.org](mailto:cbono@briarwood.org).

**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.

**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](mailto: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](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).