



*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 9, 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 45:17

All: I will cause Your Name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death"* (8:00)

Tommy Horner, Jr, soloist

*"Here is Love Vast as the Ocean"* (11:00)

Briarwood Youth Choir, Chris Neugent, Director

*Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You. – adapted from The Valley of Vision*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Sacrament of Baptism (8:00)

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* Hymn 92

## The Confession of Truth\*

From the Westminster Confession of Faith

Pastor: *What is the Church of Jesus Christ?*

All: The Church of Jesus Christ is invisible and consists of all the elect who have been, are, or ever will be gathered into one under Christ, the Head.

Pastor: *What is the Church's relationship to Christ?*

All: She is His Body and Spouse, the fullness of God who fills all in all.

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 *"Rejoice in God"*  
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\* *"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*  
*"O Great God"*

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 5:22–33

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ  
"The Marriage Story"  
Ephesians 5: 22–33

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**

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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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**Prelude**

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

**Welcome**

Rev. Rob Genin, YBL Ministries Executive Director

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 80:3

All: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise\***

*“Blessed Assurance”* Hymn 345

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* Hymn 364

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory**

*“With What Shall I Come Before the Lord”* (from Micah 6:6–8)

Briarwood Chamber Ensemble, Tommy Horner, Jr, Director

**Scripture & Sermon**

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

*“And the Lord Relented”*

Amos 7

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\***

Dr. John Haines, Worship 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

### **EMC Canvass Sunday — All Members | November 9**

This morning is the final opportunity for members to submit their pledges during worship. Church officers will reach out to those who have yet to make a commitment unless they have already contacted the church. Find additional information or make your pledge online at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

### **Countdown to Christmas — Women's Ministry | November 19 \***

Women join us at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. Our speaker, Candy Wood Lindley, will share with us her story of faith and how she prepares her heart for Christmas. Tickets are \$20 at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) and in the Bookstore. Nursery available by registration.

### **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 online 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** — Lord, protect our brothers and sisters around the world who are experiencing persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. We are thankful for the prayer breakfast this Saturday where we can pray together for the persecuted Christians. Pray for our guest speaker, Dr. Karen Ellis, the Director of the Edmiston Center for Christian Endurance Studies at Reformed Theological Seminary-Atlanta, as she will be sharing information and stories of persecuted Christians.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — On December 5, we shall be holding our annual Briarwood International Christmas Party. Please pray for three things: That planning/outreach goes well, that enough members volunteer and serve our international guests with the love of Christ, and that the gospel is effectively shared with all who attend. The flag of Iraq will be featured in the Worship Center this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Janet Greer, JoAnn Weston, and Elizabeth Holmes.

Our love and sympathy to Fred, Samuel and Mary Ryburn Morris and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Fred Morris III, on November 2.

*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*

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



# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Stewardship Opportunities Survey** — The Briarwood Diaconate has prayerfully put together a survey to help identify where you are serving in ministry. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

**Briarwood Angels** — Sundays, November 9 & 16. Trees are available in the Bookstore and the Chapel Lobby. Gifts will benefit Birmingham area children and families in need. If you can work adoption tables, email Amy at [apwood@briarwood.org](mailto:apwood@briarwood.org).

**Children's Passport Night** — November 14 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country with food and fun! Register at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children).

**Persecuted Church Prayer Breakfast** — November 15 from 8:30–10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for breakfast and a focused time of prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world. Register online at no cost at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes** — Available until November 16. 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 for shipping. Build a shoebox online at [briarwood.org/occ](http://briarwood.org/occ).

**Briarwood Handbell Choir** — Beginning November 16. 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** — November 16 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).

**Service of Thanksgiving** — November 23 during Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to reflect on their thankfulness to the Lord at the conclusion of the worship service.

**"I Cared Enough" Gospel Thanksgiving Feast** — Tuesday, 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).

**Children's Choirs Christmas Concert** — November 30. During the Evening Worship Service enjoy a special Christmas Choir Concert from the Briarwood Children's Choir. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at [sphillips@briarwood.org](mailto:sphillips@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).

**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).