



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 – December 28, 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

...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 48:10, 14

Leader: *As Your Name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.*

All: He will guide us forever.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

God, Sovereign of the universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, and not only love us with an everlasting love, but redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn 51

Confession of Truth*

The Apostle’s Creed

Pastor: *Christians, what do you believe?*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *Universal

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

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

“Build My Life”

“Be Thou My Vision”

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*

Scripture Reading*†

Joshua 3-4

Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Saeyoung Park, Singles Ministry Pastor

“Looking Back; Remembering the Jordan”

Joshua 3-4

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

*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

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Welcome

Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastor of Pastoral Care

Call to Worship

Psalm 125:1-2

Leader: *Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.*

All: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise*

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Greg Norfleet, Director of Counseling Ministry

“Hope, Faith, and Love”
Colossians 1:3-6

Congregational Affirmation*

“*The Doxology*”

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

Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 18

Join us to celebrate the Sanctity of Life. Our Ministry Partners will be recognized in the morning worship and you can visit with them in the Fellowship Hallway following the services. View a list of Briarwood's Ministry Partners at briarwood.org/sanctity.

The Lampstand Conference — Church Revitalization | January 22-24

You are invited to attend The Lampstand Conference, a conference on Church Health and Revitalization, hosted here at Briarwood. Church members are eligible for a reduced registration rate. Find details and register at briarwood.org/lampstand.

Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | February 6-7

Ladies, join us for our In-town Retreat titled "The Church, The Bride of Christ." Fellowship together with fun, dessert, and giveaways on Friday night, then return Saturday morning for breakout sessions in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is available on Friday evening with nursery registration and the Gym will be open for Fathers and children on Saturday. Register for \$45 per person at briarwood.org/women.

* 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 — Thank you, Father God, for sending us Your Son, for redeeming us, and for giving us Your Holy Spirit to continue Your redeeming work until Jesus returns. "And Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.' "Mark 16:15

Missions Prayer Focus — Please pray for Sashko Nezamutdinov, who serves with Mission to the World in Poland, and his team as they are finishing the first translation of a Protestant Study Bible into Polish to be completed at the end of February 2026. Pray the Lord will provide for this completion, editing, and production. Poland is currently experiencing an unprecedented spiritual openness. Pray that many will come to faith in Christ and will be drawn to His Word. The flag of Poland is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Sany Bell, Hank O'Steen, Judy McClurkin, Andrew Ralph, Ashley Ponter, Elaine Willis, Kay Felton and Jane Mann.

Our love and sympathy to Donna and Lauren and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, June Royal, on December 16; to Hank O'Steen and family on the death of member, his wife Lyndel, on December 15.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Church Buildings and Gate Closing — Church and school offices as well as the church gates will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday.

Women's Winter/Spring Bible Studies — Begins January 5. Ladies join one of our six Bible studies this winter/spring. We have opportunities in person and online; in the morning and during the evening; and studies in the Old Testament and New Testament. For more information and to register, visit briarwood.org/women.

Men's Spring Studies — Begins January 5. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Trailblazers Breakfast — January 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A. Learn what artificial intelligence really is, how it affects the world around us, and the simple practical ways it can support your daily life. Sign up briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Infant Baptism Class — Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. The Sacrament of Infant Baptism Who? What? Why? How? Jay Shaw will teach on the meaning of Infant Baptism and answer any questions. This class is open to all ages. To register, contact Leigh Anne Reese at 205-776-5301 or lreese@briarwood.org.

Become a Briarwood Member — January 21, 24, & 25. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

Men's Praying Breakfast — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Building. Please join us to pray for our church and the advancement of God's kingdom.

Year-End Giving — The Accounting Office will be closing for the year on Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. Contributions received in the mail must be postmarked or canceled by December 31 to qualify as a gift in the year 2025. Contributions with January 2026 postmarks will be considered 2026 contributions.

Securities Stewardship — When giving gifts of securities, please notify our Church Administrator at the time of your gift so that your contribution may be processed accurately and efficiently. Call 205-776-5205 or email bscruggs@briarwood.org.

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 Opening: Families, Youth, & College Administrative Assistant — Candidate will support the Youth, College and Family Ministries through day-to-day administrative tasks, event coordination, communication, and office management. This is a full-time position with benefits. Please send resumes to jshaw@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.

Stay up-to-date with events and opportunities with the Briarwood B-Mail newsletter.