



*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

Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Rev. Saeyoung Park, Singles Ministry Pastor

## 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 118:26

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

Briarwood Orchestra

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* Hymn 173

## Children's Palm Processional

Youth Worship Ensemble, Chris Neugent Director

## Confession of Truth\*

The Nicene Creed

## 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

*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

*"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"*

Shane Davis, Worship Associate

### Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*

*"There is One Gospel"*

### 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\*†

Deuteronomy 4:44–5:6

### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

*Deuteronomy: Wholehearted Love*

*"The Prelude"*

Deuteronomy 4:44–5:6

### 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\*

*"Rejoice the Lord is King"* Hymn 228

### Postlude

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

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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

**Welcome** Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastoral Care Pastor

**Call to Worship** Psalm 24:7–10 (selected)

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

All: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! He is the King of Glory.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Songs of Praise\*** “Ancient of Days”  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn 234  
Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory** “Jerusalem”

**Scripture & Sermon** Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

*Mark: The Words of Eternal Life*  
“The Unforgivable Thing”  
Mark 3:22–30

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Doxology\*** 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

### **Holy Week 2026 — Worship Services | March 29 – April 5 \***

Remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ with us during this year's Holy Week. After today's Palm Sunday services, there will be an evening Communion Service on Maundy Thursday (April 2), a Service of Reflection at noon on Good Friday (April 3), and a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and Worship Services on Easter Sunday (April 5). Find details at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

### **IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 25 \***

On the morning of April 25, we will partner with local ministries to do service and repair projects, ranging from yard work and painting to distributing food. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Find additional information and register for projects at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact).

\* 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** — Let us lift up prayers of gratitude for Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to fulfill Zechariah's prophecy at the beginning of this Holy Week. As the children come down the aisle waving their palm branches, let us be filled with humble adoration for King Jesus, who defeated sin and death on our behalf.

**Birmingham Prayer Focus** — Pray for NorthStar Soccer Ministries as they serve urban youth in Birmingham. Their Christ-centered soccer programs mentor and empower young people through leagues, camps, tutoring, and Bible studies.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray as we prepare for the upcoming IMPACT Birmingham outreach on April 25, when Briarwood Church will partner with local ministries to serve together as the body of Christ. Pray that hearts will be moved to join our ministry partners in sharing the love of Christ throughout Birmingham. The flag of Birmingham is featured in the Worship Center this morning.

**Church Family** — Pray for hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Ray Bronner, Jean Goebel, Betty Hull, Betty Minderhout, and Jim Bragan.

Our love and sympathy to Elaine Kennedy and family on the death of her husband, member Allan Kennedy, on March 11; to April Jeff and family on the death of her mother, Rene Carver, on March 18; and to Stephanie Brackeen and family on the death of her father, Steven Meyers, on March 23.

We rejoice with Andrew and Rebecca Golden on the birth of their son, Archie Golden, on March 18.

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Children's Palm Sunday** — This morning, our Holy Week celebration begins with a palm branch procession as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. K4-6th graders meet in the Worship Center Lobby 15 minutes before each service.

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — There will be no MidWeek dinners or classes on April 1 for Holy Week. MidWeek resumes April 8 and concludes on April 29. Find information and register for dinners at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**Communion Service** — Thursday, April 2. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Maundy Thursday service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**Church and School Offices Closed** — Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — April 15, 18 and 19. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Class. Attending does not obligate you to join. To sign up, call 205-776-5208 or email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**VBS 2026** — Mark your calendar and plan to attend this summer June 1-5! Registration and teen helper sign-ups will begin in April. To volunteer, go to [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs). Email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) if you have any questions.

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen 200mg, anti-fungal cream, Tylenol 500mg, and 1% hydrocortisone cream for mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

**Briarwood Audio / Video Team** — Worship God and serve in the church by contributing your talents to the Sunday AV Team. Tasks include running worship slides, operating livestream cameras, and more. If you are interested, email [lmckee@briarwood.org](mailto:lmckee@briarwood.org).

**Family Ministry Administrative Assistant** — Role supports the Family Pastor, G&C, and Children's Ministries and requires a broad understanding of family ministry and a proactive approach to administrative support. Send resume to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**Nursery Hallway Supervisor** — Briarwood is looking to hire a Briarwood member to supervise the nursery hallway during Sunday evening services and during some special church events. Send resume to [aneugent@briarwood.org](mailto:aneugent@briarwood.org).

**Women Business Leaders, Director** — This role will focus on leading and managing the ministry of Women Business Leaders, focused on reaching working women within the Birmingham area. Send resume to [rngenin@briarwood.org](mailto:rngenin@briarwood.org).

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

**Full-time & Part-time Staff** — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

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