



# *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 – Sunday, January 29, 2023

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words... Deuteronomy 4:10*

## Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 27:1

All: The LORD is my light and my salvation — so why should I be afraid?  
The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

## Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"It Is Well"*

Briarwood Orchestra

*O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tintured with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace. – adapted from *The Valley of Vision**

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace and Peace\*

## Hymns of Ascents\*

*"O Worship the King"* Hymn 10

## The Confession of Truth\*

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6*

### Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

#### Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

##### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6*

#### Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

#### Musical Offering of Worship

*"All Praise to Christ, Our God and King Divine"*

#### Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*"Power of the Cross"  
"Be Thou My Vision" Hymn 382*

##### 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\*

#### Old Testament Reading\*†

Isaiah 8:11–9:7

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Paul House

*"God's Light Overcomes Life's Darkness"  
Isaiah 8:11–9:7*

##### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

#### Pastoral Benediction\*

#### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"Doxology with Alleluias"*

#### Postlude

*"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"*

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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 also "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM.

The 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. services are available 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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<b>Prelude</b>	Daniel Cason
<b>Welcome</b>	Michael Wichlan
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Psalm 119:14–16
<b>All:</b>	In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways. I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your Word.
<b>Prayer of Invocation</b>	
<b>Songs of Praise*</b>	<i>“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”</i> <i>“My Hope Is in the Lord”</i> Shane Davis, Worship Leader
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>“This Is My Song”</i> Audrey Jowers, Kellie Stewart and Denise Wichlan
<b>Scripture and Sermon</b>	Benny Youngblood  <i>“Living Water for Thirsty Souls”</i> John 4:1–42
<b>Make-Up Service of Officer Ordination and Installation</b>	Benny Parks
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Doxology*</b>	Daniel Cason
<b>Postlude</b>	

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## GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

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. I 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.

–Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Global Ministries Conference Volunteering** — February 26–March 5. There are numerous ways you can help, including housing, transportation, serving, baking, volunteering and praying. Contact Heather McDougall at 205-776-5279 or [hmcdougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcdougall@briarwood.org).

**Cards for Missionary Coffee** — Write an encouragement card with a favorite verse or two for our visiting missionaries at the Missionary Coffee on February 28. Cards can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office (A106) between February 1–24.

**Camp Briarwood Counselors** — Camp Briarwood is looking for counselors for the 2023 Day and Overnight Camps this summer. Go to [campbriarwood.org](http://campbriarwood.org) for information.

**Briarwood Soccer** — The spring soccer season is coming! Register boys and girls age 5–14 at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.com) or 205-776-5114.

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (adult, children and infant) and acetaminophen for its mission trips to the Dominican Republic this spring. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

**Men's and Women's Winter/Spring Studies** — Men of the Covenant and Women's studies offer both morning and evening classes for men and women this quarter. View men's classes at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men) and women's studies at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Midweek at Briarwood** — Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities for the entire family start at 6:30 p.m. Find a list of classes and opportunities at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**Trailblazers Trip Meeting** — February 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come learn about the trip this fall to Tuscany, September 27–October 5. Contact Sharon Johnston at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) for details.

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## EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

**Mail Room/Print Services Clerk** — Full-time position with benefits. Clerk will manage shipping, receiving, and copy room printing. Position requires a quick learner who can work independently, adapt to technology changes, be a problem-solver, and have a helpful and friendly attitude. Contact Landon McKee at [lmckee@briarwood.org](mailto:lmckee@briarwood.org).

**Director of Counseling Ministry** — The Director needs to be a qualified counselor with experience in leading a counseling ministry and a commitment to counsel and train others in Biblical Counseling. He will either be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to Patti Claud at [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) or call at 205-776-5282.

**Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff** — There are a number of full and part-time ministry positions open: Board Directed Ministries, Music Worship, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, Briarwood Christian School and Church Facilities.

See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sportsman's Blast — Men's Ministry | February 10**

February 10 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend for a BBQ dinner and to hear a gospel message from Jerry Leachman, former University of Alabama football player and chaplain for Fox News. Purchase tickets in the Briarwood Bookstore.

### **Men's Sporting Clay Outing — Men's Ministry | March 11**

Men, come test your aim and join us for a time of brotherhood and fellowship Saturday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Selwood Farm. The registration cost is only \$25, but space is limited. Register at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

### **Women's Missionary Coffee — Briarwood Women | February 28**

February 28 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register for the coffee at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery available by reservation.

### **Global Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | February 26–March 5**

At this year's Global Ministries Conference: "Tell the Wonderful Story," we will host missionary partners from all over the world and hear ministry stories from our International staff. The conference will conclude on March 5 with Faith Promise Sunday, when Briarwood members can turn in their Faith Promise commitment cards. See the full conference schedule online at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).

Make nursery reservations for events 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

**Local and Missions Prayer** — Pray for our upcoming Women's Retreat, February 3–4, and Sportsman's Blast, February 10. Pray that these two outreach events would lead many to discover the need for Christ in their lives. Pray for the organizational meeting of Briarwood's new Life Team on February 13, which will oversee Pro-Life ministry partnerships and mobilize members into areas of service and support. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today's worship service.)

**Hospitalized:** Frank Barker III, Kathy Cheely, Jenny Haines, Doug Haskew, Doris Davis, Joe Medlock, Kathy Davis, Bill Foreman, Lynn Holcombe, Carrie Turner

**Our love and sympathy** — to the family of member Nell Nichols on her death on November 27; to Sabre Whitt, Caroline Campbell and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Joan Brothers, on January 18; to Julie and Chip Elmer, Leigh Ann Tufts and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Marie Payne, on January 15; to Ashley, Jay and Lauren Greene and family on the death of their father, step-mother, grandfather and step-grandmother, Dave and Linda Horton, on January 20; and to Carl Bono and family on the death of his mother, Susan Bono, on January 20.

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