



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 – February 16, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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 & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 22:26–27

Leader: *The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!*

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"And Can It Be?" Trinity Hymnal

The Confession of Truth*

1 John 1:5–7

Leader: *This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.*

All: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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 Tithes & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Beauty of the Cross"

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir & Praise Team

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"The Power of the Cross"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Romans 10:14–21

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Lord's Gospel and Our Mission"

Romans 10:14–21

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation*

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" Hymn 193

Presentation of the Table

Corporate Confession of Sin

Daniel 9:4–20; 1 Peter 1:19 (selected and adapted)

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules. We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for Your own sake, O our God, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name. This we ask in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who purchased us with His own Precious Blood. Amen

Receiving of the Elements

Hunter Goff & Hannah Brennan, Soloists

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

Congregational Affirmation*

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" Hymn 193

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome Stephen King, Young Couples Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 25:4–6

Leader: *Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.*

All: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “Run And Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)”
“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”
“All Sufficient Merit”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Rev. Rob Looper, National / Revitalization Pastor

“Overview of the Life of Saul: How to Crash and Burn”
1 Samuel

Doxology* Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Benediction*

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 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.

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FEATURED EVENTS

Our Strong Foundation — Global Ministries Conference | February 23 – March 2 *

This year's 60th Annual Global Ministries Conference will focus on "Our Strong Foundation" in the Lord. Our speaker will be Dr. Stafford Carson, and we will hear and learn from our supported global ministry partners. Find additional information and see how you can support our conference at briarwood.org/gmc.

GLOW — Children's Global Ministries Conference | February 23–26

During the Global Ministries Conference, children will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children's Auditorium Sunday night through Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

Faith Promise Sunday — Global Ministries Conference | March 2 *

During the Morning Worship Services, we will have the opportunity to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they prepare to go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Be in prayer, asking the Lord what He would have you pledge by faith to the Global Missions Fund. Sunday evening we will close the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

* 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 — Ask the Lord to bind us together as a Church with love for one another and unity in spirit. May we partner together to share the Gospel of Christ in Word and deed to the world. "*Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together*" (Psalm 34:3). Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to know their help "*is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth*" (Psalm 124:8). He is "*worthy to receive glory and honor and power*" (Revelation 4:11).

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the Lord to guide the preparations being made for our Global Ministries Conference, February 23 to March 2. Give thanks for our ministry partners who will share what God is doing around the world and our speaker, Dr. Stafford Carson, as he opens God's Word to us. May the Lord use this Conference to inspire, equip, and mobilize Briarwood Church on mission.

Hospitalized — Joy Blazer, Cathy Craig, Daniel Cason, Don Davis, Barry Wood, Maggie Nabors, Elaine Wright

Our love and sympathy — to Tommy Turpin, Jenni Saville, Virginia and Win Turpin and family on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, member Shirley Turpin, on February 9.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Local Ministry Prayer – Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. All are invited to come and pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

Cards for Missionary Coffee — February 3–24. Write an encouragement card with a favorite verse or two to give to our visiting missionaries on Tuesday, February 24 at the Missionary Coffee. Cards can be dropped off in the Women’s Ministry Office (A106).

2025 College Missions Retreat — Friday, February 21–Sunday, February 23 at The Barn. Kick off the weekend of food, fellowship, and worship with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our missionaries will challenge us to live out the Great Commission!

Women’s Missionary Coffee — Tuesday, February 25 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Women come for a time of fellowship and prayer for our visiting ministry partners. Register at briarwood.org/women. Nursery available by reservation.

WBL’s “The Heart of Business” — March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Samford’s Brock Recital Hall. Join WBL for a light supper, networking, and a panel of accomplished businesswomen discussing integrity, service, and purpose in business. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Become a Friendship Partner — Get involved with God’s heart for the nations. An intentional friendship can have an eternal impact — share a meal, visit places you frequent, or meet up for coffee. Contact Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting ibuprofen (200mg) and Tylenol (500mg) for March and May Mission Trips. Donations can be left in the CMMA box in the Mailroom. Email cmmaadmin@briarwood.org for questions.

Join a Winter/Spring Study — It is not too late to join a men’s or women’s study! See information for Men’s classes at briarwood.org/men and a list of Women’s classes and registration at briarwood.org/women.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Through April 9. Join us for Wednesday dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m., then attend a class or activity for the entire family. Find information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

VBS 2025 — We are busy making plans for this summer’s VBS: June 2–6! Volunteers are needed. Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org if you are interested. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Camp Briarwood Employment — Find counselor applications at cambriarwood.org.

Pocket Change for the Needy — Deposit your change in the wall containers around the church. The Executive Mercy Committee uses this to distribute food to those in need.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center were given to the glory to God in memory of Shirley Turpin from her memorial service on Thursday, February 13.

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.