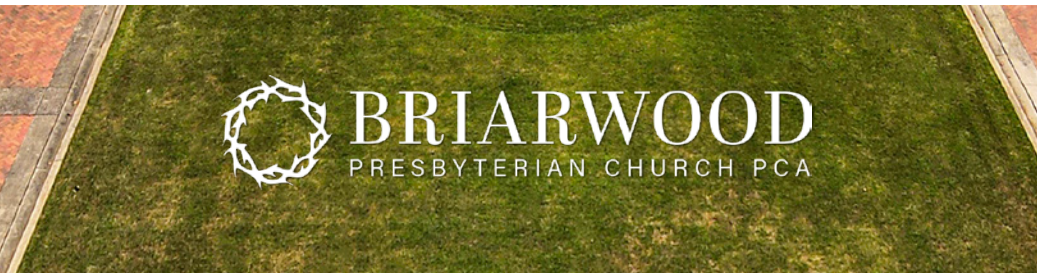


FOR GOD'S GLORY,

WE ARE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING CHRISTIANS TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO REACH BIRMINGHAM TO REACH THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship – November 1, 2026

Worship Leaders
Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor — Rev. Benny Parks, Ministries Team Pastor

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE
…in the great assembly I will bless the Lord. Psalm 26:12

Welcome & Time of Meditation & Confession — Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but rule over me in liberty and power. adapted from The Valley of Vision

Prelude — *"Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty"* Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

Call to Worship — Psalm 96:8–9

Pastor: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!*

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents* — *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* The Sing! Hymnal 27

Confession of Truth* — 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Pastor: *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

All: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Pastor: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE
Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

A Word from our Pastor on Stewardship

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY
…addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

Offertory *"Worthy, Worthy"*
Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"His Glory and My Good"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*† Luke 12:22–34

Exposition of God's Word Rev. Fred Greco
Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America

"God Will Take Care of You"
Luke 12:22–34

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE
For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a

Receiving of Pledges

Hymn of Commitment* *"Take My Life and Let it Be"* The Sing! Hymnal 281

Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude *"The Church's One Foundation"*

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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 11:00 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 Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome Rev. Bob McGregor, Membership Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 150:1–2

All: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Scripture & Sermon Wright Draper, Senior Adults Pastor

"Do You See Anything?"
Mark 8:22–26

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *"The Doxology"*

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

EMC Pledge Sunday — November 1
This morning, members have the opportunity to turn in their pledge cards during the morning services. Every Member Commitment allows church members to declare what their support in the work of the Lord with their gifts and service will be for the coming calendar year. Make your pledge online at briarwood.org/emc.

EMC Canvass Sunday — November 8
EMC Canvass Sunday is the final opportunity for members to submit their pledges during morning 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.

Countdown to Christmas — Women's Ministry | November 18
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. Hear the gospel and a story of God's faithfulness in one of Briarwood's longest running ministries. Enjoy delicious food, and fellowship with one another. Tickets are available for $20 at briarwood.org/events.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Praise the Lord for the time, talent, and treasures He has given each of our members. Please pray that we all would be eager to give of what we have as an offering back to Him and as a service to our neighbors. May we all prayerfully discern how God is calling us to give through this Every Member Commitment pledge.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for ministry partner, Grace House, as they equip young women in foster care with the educational, emotional, and spiritual tools they need to overcome generational cycles of poverty and abuse. Pray that each girl would come to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Foundations Early Learning & Family Center as they partner with families to support the academic, physical, social and spiritual growth of preschool children in a Christ-centered environment. The flag of Birmingham is featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Bruce Bush, Teresa Davis, Jeanette Ellis, Janie Hannah, Betty Hull, Bart Kidd, Mike Mungenast, Carolyn Price, Joyce Wise, Frank Wright, Don Harrison, John Donaldson.

Our love and sympathy to Claire Muir and family on the death of her mother, Jean Holt, on October 20; and to Cathy Tanner and family on the death of her husband, Curtis Tanner, on October 28.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Let's Go Fishing — November 2–14. The Briarwood fishing pond, across from the Youth Barn, is overstocked, so we're opening it up! Briarwood members are invited to fish during this special open season. No fishing license required.

Briarwood Membership — November 4, 7 & 8. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Class. Attending does not obligate you to join. For questions or to sign up, call 776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers OCC Packing Party — November 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with the Briarwood Trailblazers. Please bring items to share! Email sjohnston@briarwood.org to bring items early.

Briarwood Angel Tree — November 8 & 15 outside the bookstore and in the chapel hallway. Gifts will benefit children in need from the Birmingham area. If you are available to work gift tables or for more information, please email apwood@briarwood.org.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Ending November 11. Join us for dinner, classes and activities each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find info at briarwood.org/midweek.

Children's Passport Night — November 13 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Register your child online at no cost at briarwood.org/children.

Hygiene Kit Collection — Ending November 13. Help us give Christmas hygiene kits and goodie bags to men at Bibb Correctional Facility. Drop new items in the bin in the Missions Office hallway. See the approved item list at briarwood.org/events.

Persecuted Church Prayer Breakfast — November 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for breakfast and prayer for persecuted believers around the world, with guest speaker Corey Jackson of Luke Alliance. Register online at briarwood.org/events.

Operation Christmas Child — Ends November 16. Pack a shoebox to touch a child's life! Pick up shoeboxes in the Ministries Lobby & turn them in to the Children's Auditorium. Include $10 for shipping. Build a shoebox online for $30 at briarwood.org/christmas.

Countdown to Christmas — November 18. Enjoy delicious food and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season! Hear the gospel and a story of God's faithfulness through the Briarwood Ballet. Learn more at briarwood.org/women.

Christmas Poinsettias — On sale through November 29. 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 $20 at briarwood.org/christmas.

International Christmas Party — December 4 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your family and international friends! For additional information or to volunteer, email hwalker@briarwood.org or signup online at briarwood.org/events.

Flag Retirement — Has your American flag seen better days? Place your faded, tattered, or torn U.S. flags in the collection bin outside the Quest office so our Trail Life Troop may give them a proper retirement on Veteran's Day. Find more info at al254.org/flag.

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