



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 9, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior 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 & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 150

Leader: *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!*

All: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!
Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!
Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Leader: *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!*

All: Praise the LORD! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Jesus Saves"
Briarwood Orchestra

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You alone do I trust, O my God. Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. For the sake of Your name forgive my iniquity, for it is great. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. These things I ask in the strong name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Receiving of New Members (10:55)

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn 1

The Confession of Truth*

Hebrews 12: 22–24, 28

Leader: *You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

All: Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

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 Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory *"I Will Praise Thee, Oh My Savior"*
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"May the Peoples Praise You"*
from Psalm 67

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 11:1–8, 22–27

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Kindness and the Severity of God"
Romans 11:1–8, 22–27

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* *"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

Pastoral 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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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome Rev. Max Bunn, Mobilization Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 119:111–112

All: Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the end.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* *“Lift High the Name of Jesus”*
“Worthy Worthy”
“How Great Is Our God”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastor of Pastoral Care

“Overview of the Life of Samuel”
1 Samuel

Doxology* Chris Neugent, Orchestral Director

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.

– The Briarwood Church Family

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. We need your help hosting missionary families! Find additional information 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 — Give thanks for the Men's Saturday Morning Prayer Group who pray for our church. It is encouraging to know they lift up our leaders and families every week. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to draw near to God and make Him their refuge so that they may tell of all His works as in Psalm 73:28.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for our Campus Outreach Ministries. Praise the Lord for the students who committed their lives to Christ at the New Year's Conference. Pray for their walk with Jesus as new Christians and for the staff who are leading them.

Hospitalized — Joy Blazer, Don Davis, Pat Dortch, John Reaves, Steve Smith, Shirley Turpin, Barry Wood, Rosine Feist, David Mugg

We rejoice — with Josh and Beth Anne Lee on the birth of their daughter, Julia Grace, on January 28, and with grandparents Mark and Darby Travers and great-grandparents Chuck and Alene Morgan.

Our love and sympathy — to the family of member Pat Sawyer on her death on January 29; and to Kathy Miller and family on the death of her husband, Mickey Miller, on February 1.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Today at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Adoption/Foster Connection — Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Current and interested foster and adoption parents are invited to meet with other families to encourage and equip one another. Email w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

WBL Working Singles Event — Rescheduled for February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Caroline House. Learn how Betsy Childs Howard, Summer Smith Lee, and Amy McMullen tackle the tough issues of life as single women, while seeking Christ and embracing the joys of each day. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Communion Service — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, February 16 in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

Trailblazers Travel — March 24–28. Travel with friends to Savannah, Jekyll Island, and Beaufort, South Carolina. Go online to briarwood.org/trailblazers for more information.

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.

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.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in loving memory of James Bruce Evans, Jr. by his family. The flowers in the Worship Center Foyer were given to the glory to God in memory of Mickey Miller from his memorial service on Thursday, February 6. Last Sunday's flowers in the Worship Center Foyer were given to the glory to God in memory of Michael Fontaine from his memorial service on Thursday, January 30.

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.