



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 – March 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 16:5–6, 11

Pastor: *LORD, You are my portion and my cup of blessing; You hold my future.*

All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. You reveal the path of life to me; in Your presence is abundant joy; at Your right hand are eternal pleasures.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"His Robes for Mine"
Chamber Ensemble

"Sovereign God, Your cause, not my own, engages my heart, and I appeal to You with greatest freedom to set up Your kingdom in every place where Satan reigns; Glorify Yourself and I will rejoice, for to bring honor to Your name is my sole desire. I adore You that You are God, and long that others should know it, feel it, and rejoice in it. O that all men might love and praise You, that You might have all glory from the intelligent world! Let sinners be brought to You for Your dear name! Lord, use me as You will, do with me what You will; but, O, promote Your cause, let your kingdom come, let Your blessed interest be advanced in this world!" –from The Valley of Vision

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"O God Beyond All Praising"

The Confession of Truth*

Ephesians 4:1–8

Pastor: *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

All: There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings
be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1*

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

Offertory

"O Word of God Incarnate"
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs*

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

Prayer of Illumination*

The New Testament Reading*†

Romans 12:3–8

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"The Spirit Gives Gifts to His People"

Romans 12:3–8

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

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 Max Bunn, Local / Mobilization Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 18:1–3

Pastor: *I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “All Hail the King of Heaven”
“Across the Lands”
“Behold Our God”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani
“The Battle is the Lord’s”
1 Samuel 17

Doxology* Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

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

Holy Week 2025 — Worship Services | April 13–20 *

Remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ with us during Holy Week. We will have Worship Services on Palm Sunday (April 13), an evening Communion Service on Maundy Thursday (April 17), a Service of Reflection at noon on Good Friday (April 18), and on Easter Sunday (April 20), a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and Worship Services. Find details at briarwood.org/holyweek.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 26 *

On the morning of April 26, we will have the opportunity to work together on a wide range of service projects that will help support several of our local ministries. This will be a great time to serve as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for the glory of God! Find additional information and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

Seek First the King in Marriage — Couples Marriage Retreat | May 2–4

Come invest in your marriage and enjoy a weekend away together in beautiful downtown Huntsville! We will have three sessions with Dr. Doriani, a married couples panel discussion, and Sunday morning worship. Find additional information and register online by April 2 at briarwood.org/marriageretreat.

* 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 — Pray for the Grace Ladies this Friday as they plan the next Lydia luncheon. Give thanks for the loving hearts of these ladies who care for and serve the widows in our church. Pray for the members of the Pulpit Search Committee who have taken on this important task that requires significant time. Give thanks for their high level of commitment and a deep love for Briarwood.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the internationals in Birmingham who are reading the Bible one-on-one with Briarwood members each week. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself as they read His Word and give them faith to believe, that they might come to know Him.

Hospitalized — Don Davis, Steve Greenall, Gene Head, Joey Hyche, Zach Knighton, Jean Lathram, Barbara Matthews, Maggie Nabors, Marvin Keffer, Dave Morey

We rejoice — with John and Amy Bennett on the birth of their son, Calvin Walker, on March 4.

Our love and sympathy — to Bill Rudd and family on the death of his brother, Rodney Rudd, on March 6.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Promise Pledges — Turn in your Faith Promise card during a worship service, mail your card to Briarwood, email faithpromise@briarwood.org with your commitment, or fill out the form at briarwood.org/faithpromise.

Pulpit Committee Update — Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee as they approach the next goal of completing interviews and move on to more detailed conversations. See the update from last Sunday from Chairman Billy Ball at briarwood.org/pulpit-committee.

Campus Security Update — Construction is scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks on a security fence around the Briarwood Christian Lower School. This will not interfere with regular church activity or access. Learn more at briarwood.org/fence.

IGNITE 3-on-3 Tournament — Friday, March 14 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gym. Students 4th–6th grade, register at briarwood.org/children by March 14 at 9:00 a.m. to participate. Email jstallings@briarwood.org with any further questions.

Unbound 216 Easter Hygiene Packs — March 23–30. Briarwood is partnering to deliver hygiene kits to prison inmates as an Easter gift. Bring new deodorant sticks (no sprays) to the Chapel hallway or Ministry Lobby by March 30.

Officer Nominations — April 1–30. Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2028 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of April. Online submissions will be accepted through April 30 at briarwood.org/nominations. For more information, contact Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

Children's Passport Night — Friday, April 4 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Parent volunteers are needed. Register online at briarwood.org/children by April 3 at noon.

Easter Lily Dedication — Sunday, April 6 ordering deadline. Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday. Order now online at briarwood.org/lily or drop by the Membership Office (A101).

CMMA Human Trafficking Seminar — Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Healthcare providers are invited to hear from an expert in the field how to identify victims of human trafficking. Register at cmmauab.org/ministry-activities.

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

CMMA Mission Trip Need — Donate used full sized suitcases for mission trips—no carry-ons please. Drop off Monday to Friday during business hours at the Board Directed Ministries building. Contact CMMA at 205-776-5470 or cmmaadmin@briarwood.org.

Job Opportunity: Young Couples Pastor — Seeking a pastor with leadership skills, shepherding gifts and management skills to lead our young couples. Candidate must be PCA ordained or ordainable. Send resume to pclaud@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5282.

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.