



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 9, 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 119:18, 37

Leader: *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.*

All: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

“He Leadeth Me”

Briarwood Orchestra

“Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.” –from The Valley of Vision

Choral Introit

“Sanctus (Holy)”

Briarwood Choir & Orchestra

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn 262

The Confession of Truth*

Hebrews 12:10–14

Leader: *The Lord disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

All: Therefore, strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead. Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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

Pulpit Committee Update

Billy Ball, Chairman

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

"Christus Victor"

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 12:1-2

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Dan Doriani

"Living Sacrifices"

Romans 12:1-2

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 Rev. Stephen King, Young Couples Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 1:1–2

Leader: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.*

All: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* “Lift High the Name of Jesus”
“The Matchless Name of Jesus”
“Jesus Messiah”
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Announcements

The Offertory Prayer

Offertory Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Dan Doriani
“David, the Anointed”
1 Samuel 16

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 this year's 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), a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., and Worship Services on Easter Sunday (April 20). Find details at briarwood.org/holyweek.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 26 *

On the morning of April 26, we will partner with local ministries to do service and repair projects, ranging from yard work and painting to distributing food. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! 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 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.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Give thanks for those attending the Inquirers Class and be encouraged by their interest in knowing what our church believes. Pray for our Membership Pastor Bob McGregor and his leadership. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to recognize the Lord's goodness and to be protected from the enemy.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Pastor Rob Looper and the beginning of the Lampstand Cohort program. This group of church leaders will gather to ask questions, share concerns and support each other. Pray those participating would be encouraged.

Hospitalized — Jean Chase, Don Davis, Jean Lathram, Barbara Matthews, Dave Morey, Maggie Nabors, Sharon Yancey, Marvin Keffer, Kate King, Janet Zimardo

We rejoice — with Kenny and Madison McBride on the birth of their daughter, Adelaide Charlie, on February 26.

Our love and sympathy — to Sheri Selkirk and family on the death of her father, Allen McCook, on February 18; to Judy Donaldson and family on the death of her brother, Gary Justus, on February 27; to Phil and Westby Anderson and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Douglas Nestor Anderson, on February 28; to Wes Willis and family on the death of his brother, Bill Willis, on March 1; to Lowell, Heath and Rachel Bonds and family on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, member Carolyn Bonds, on March 1; to Felicity, Jake, Gabby and Jani Martin and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Gerald Wade, on March 1; and to Kevin Caton and family on the death of his mother, Patsy Caton, on March 4.

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.

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

Foster/Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, March 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.

Become a Briarwood Member — March 12, 15 and 16. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirer's Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

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

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.

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 — Monday, 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 cmmaub.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.

Job Opportunity: Church Administrator — The Administrator serves as the chief administrative officer of Briarwood overseeing all financial, operational, and personnel matters affecting the church, staff, and members. Matt Moore has faithfully served in this role for 24 years and will be retiring by the end of the year. Interested candidates should inquire and send resume to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

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.