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Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship – Sunday, December 31, 2023

Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Pastor

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 48:10, 14

Leader: *As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.*

All: He will guide us forever.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Hunter Goff, Organ

God, Sovereign of the universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, and not only love us with an everlasting love, but redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ.

Invocation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

The Confession of Truth*

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Christians, what do you believe?*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *universal

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

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Christ Be Magnified"
Praise Team

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"Build My Life"
"Be Thou My Vision"

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

Prayer of Illumination*

The Scripture Reading*†

Exodus 17:1-7; John 7:37-39

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Greg Norfleet

"Come, Drink, and Live!"
John 7:37-39

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

"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"

*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

Welcome

Mark Purser

Call to Worship

Psalm 125:1–2

Leader: *Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.*

All: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

“Be Unto Your Name”

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn 2

Shane Davis, worship associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Hymn 43

Shane Davis, soloist

Scripture & Sermon

Rob Genin

“Return and Give Praise: Jesus and the Ten Lepers”

Luke 17:11–19

Benediction*

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.

– The Briarwood Church Family

FEATURED EVENTS

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | January 10–April 24 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

Lampstand Birmingham Conference — Church Revitalization | January 18–21

You are invited to attend The Lampstand Conference, a conference on Church Health and Revitalization, hosted here at Briarwood. If you want to help with this conference, email cbono@briarwood.org. Find additional details at briarwood.org/lampstand.

Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 21

Come worship as we celebrate and honor the Sanctity of Life. Ministry Partners will be recognized during the Morning Worship Services. Following both services, visit and hear from our supported Sanctity of Life Ministry Partners in the Fellowship Hallway. That morning we will hold a Diaper and Wipe drive for the benefit of mothers in need.

Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | January 26–27

Ladies, join us for an In-town Retreat hosted here at Briarwood January 26–27. This year's theme will be "By Design" and our keynote speaker will be Courtney Denton, Director of Mercy and Women's Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Cost is \$45 per person. Register at briarwood.org/women.

* Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Praise the Lord! *May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"* Psalm 70:4

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for 2024 to be a great year in the life of our congregation and for Dr. Doriani as he assumes the role of Briarwood's interim pastor.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Verne and Alina Marshall serving with Mission to the World in Santiago, Chile. Verne works with church planting pastors and Alina is in a counseling ministry with needy people. Pray that the church planters involved in difficult spiritual warfare will know their labor in the Lord will never be in vain.

Hospitalized – Terry Chase, Denis Devane, Richard Gallo, Charles Gipson, Bart Kidd, Betty Hull, Kendall Reaves, Buddy Runnels, Mike Taylor

Our love and sympathy - to Stephen Janert and family on the death of his father, Robert Edward Janert, on December 17.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Year-End Giving — Contributions received in one of today's services or left in the Accounting drop boxes will be counted as a contribution for 2023. Contributions with January 2024 postmarks will be considered 2024 contributions.

Church and School Offices Closed — Monday, January 1 for the New Year holiday.

Church Gate Schedule — The gates will close on January 1.

BTS Intensive Classes — Christ and Culture Class January 4–6; Systematics VI (Eschatology) Class January 11–13. Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a condensed course on either Christ in the current culture or systematic theology. Cost per class: \$80 (audit) or \$200 (credit). To register email emily@bts.education.

Men's and Women's Studies — January 8–April 26. Men of the Covenant and Women's studies begin the week of January 8. There are morning and evening classes available for both men and women this quarter. View men's classes at briarwood.org/men and women's studies at briarwood.org/women.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Start January 8 in M111. Meets weekly: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to questrecreation.org/fitness-classes for details.

Diapers and Wipes Drive — January 21. We will host a Diaper and Wipe Drive to support Bundles of Hope. Make plans now to bring your bags of diapers and wipes to leave behind your car for pick up while you are in church that day.

Volunteer for Lampstand Conference — Help needed for Briarwood's Lampstand Conference in January with housing or transportation for those attending. We also need volunteers to put together attendee notebooks and goody bags! If you want to help, contact Christi Bono at cbono@briarwood.org.

Trailblazer Travel: Florida — March 11–15. Come travel with friends to Amelia Island, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville. We'll go on guided tours, visit a plantation, and cruise the St. Johns River. Five days and four nights includes breakfast and dinner for \$679. Go to briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

Job Openings: Briarwood Receptionist — Morning Receptionist (part-time, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.); and Afternoon Receptionist (part-time, Monday–Friday, 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.). Briarwood membership required. For inquiries and application, email kbvice@briarwood.org.

Job Openings: YBL Financial Administrator — Part-time position for 15 hours per week. Individual needed to maintain accounts payable/receivable, and manage donor support and information. Applicant needs experience with database systems as well as proficiency in Word and Excel. Send resume to Rob Genin at rgenin@ybl.org.