



# *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 – Sunday, January 8, 2023

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9*

## Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 13:1

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

## Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

*O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace and Peace\*

## Hymns of Ascents\*

*"Nothing But the Blood"* Hymn 195

## The Confession of Truth\*

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Leader: *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."*

All: In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

## 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 and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering of Worship**

*"It Was Finished On the Cross"*

Audrey Jowers, Korey Cox, and Alonza Jones, Soloists  
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**New Testament Reading\*†**

Matthew 22:34–40; 28:16–20

**Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

2023 In Biblical Perspective

"A Great Commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment"

Matthew 22:34–40; 28:16–20

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*"Is He Worthy?"*

Ron and Laney Phillely, Soloists

**Corporate and Personal Confessions of Sin**

**Receiving of the Elements**

*"Thank You Jesus for the Blood"*

Denise Wichlan and Hunter Goff, Soloists

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation**

*"To God Be the Glory"* Hymn 66

**Postlude**

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

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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 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](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

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**Welcome**

Bruce Stallings

**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**

Shane Davis, Worship Leader

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

Daniel Cason, Soloist

**Scripture and Sermon**

Dr. Harry L. Reeder, III

“Three Leadership Vocations and Virtues”

Acts 20:17–38

**Service of Officer Ordination and Installation**

- Charge to the Officer Candidates
- Charge to the Congregation
- Questions to the Candidates
- Question to the Congregation
- Prayer
- Declaration of Ordination & Installation

**Benediction**

**Doxology**

**Postlude**

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## GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

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. I 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.

–Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Your New Year Quiet Time** — The Bookstore has many materials available to lead your quiet time this year. Here are some of Pastor Reeder's recommendations: *ESV Every Day Bible: 365 Readings through the Whole Bible*, *One Year Chronological Bibles* (large print available), *Truth for Life Vol. Two* by Alistair Begg, *Tabletalk* subscription from Ligonier Ministries, and *Daily Bread* podcast by Pastor Reeder. Contact the Bookstore for help with any of these resources at 205-776-5210 or [bookstore@briarwood.org](mailto:bookstore@briarwood.org).

**Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting** — Today at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are invited to gather for prayer for the Persecuted Church.

**The Adoption Connection** — January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This group exists for adoptive families to ask question, share wisdom, and support one another.

**GriefShare** — Begins January 11 and meets Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 13-week video/small group program that offers comfort and encouragement. Workbook \$15. Call 205-776-5227.

**Foster Parenting** — Foster Parenting Class begins on January 12. If you are interested, contact Lori McCullough at 205-669-3016 or Irene Hayes at 205-612-1016.

**Pastor's Inquirers' Class** — This class for newcomers and prospective members meets January 18, 21, and 22. Attending does not obligate you to join. A luncheon for those joining will be held on January 29. For information or to sign up, email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org), call 776-5208, or go to [briarwood.org/newmembers](http://briarwood.org/newmembers).

**Trailblazers Sunday Lunch** — January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the FH. Keith Pugh, former University of Alabama National Championship wide receiver and Briarwood Stampede Staff, will share. Tickets are \$10 in the Bookstore and at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**Diaper and Wipe Drive** — Sunday, January 22. Leave bags of diapers and wipes behind your car for pick up while you are in church. Drive will support Bundles of Hope.

**Ballet Classes** — Come dance with us! Briarwood Ballet is offering 8-week Adult Ballet and "Mommy and Me" classes starting January 18. Register at [briarwood.org/balletclasses](http://briarwood.org/balletclasses).

**Trailblazers Travel** — March 27–31, Charleston, South Carolina. Trip includes historic home, plantation, Charleston City Market, Middleton Place, and cruise. Cost is \$715 and deposit is due by January 20. Contact [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5320.

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (adult, children's and infant) and acetaminophen for their mission trips to the Dominican Republic this spring. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

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## EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

**BTS Admissions and Development Specialist** — Part time position (30 hours) requiring experience in college or graduate admissions. Email [ike@bts.education](mailto:ike@bts.education) if interested.

See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Women's and Men's Winter/Spring Studies | January 9–April 28**

Kick off the new year with a study to get you into the Word. Women, pick from seven studies on a variety of topics Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Find information and registration at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Men, join us Mondays at 6:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. for learning and fellowship. No registration required. See details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

### **Midweek at Briarwood — Church Wide | January 11–April 26**

Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities for the entire family start at 6:30 p.m. Find a list of classes and opportunities at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

### **The Lampstand Conference — Church Revitalization | January 12–15**

How do you effectively pursue church health in these tumultuous times? Plan on attending this Church Revitalization conference January 12–15, 2023 at Briarwood. Find information and register for The Lampstand Conference at [briarwood.org/lampstand](http://briarwood.org/lampstand).

### **Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 22**

Join us in 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. View a list of Briarwood's Ministry Partners at [briarwood.org/sanctity](http://briarwood.org/sanctity).

Make nursery reservations for events at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

*My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Proverbs 3:1, 2*

**Local and Missions Prayer** — Pray God would bring revival throughout the land and draw hearts and minds around the world to Himself this year. Pray for the Lampstand Conference January 12–15 being held at Briarwood. Pray for safe travels of the attendees from South Africa, South America, Malaysia as well as the United States. Pray also for the growing health of all churches associated with every attendee.

**Hospitalized:** Frank Barker III, Isabel Lara, Jennie Stone, Phillip Coker, Bob Hand

**We rejoice** — with Paul and Lacey Silvey on the birth of their daughter, Dorothy 'Dottie' Alice, on December 29.

**Our love and sympathy** — to Jeff Dunn and family on the death of his brother, Charles Dunn, on December 30; and to Evelyn Anderson and family on the death of her husband, member Jim Anderson, who died on January 3.

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