



# *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 – January 11, 2025

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Rev. Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

## 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 81:10, 13

All: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession of Sin

*“10,000 Reasons”*

Briarwood Orchestra

*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 & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” The Sing! Hymnal #561*

## Confession of Truth\*

Hebrews 4:9–12

Pastor: *Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts. For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.*

All: For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

## 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

*"Be Still and Know"*

Briarwood Choir & Orchestra

#### Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*

*"Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"*

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

#### 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\*

#### Scripture Reading\*†

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Deuteronomy: Wholehearted Love

*"At the Foot of Horeb"*

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

#### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

#### Pastoral Benediction\*

#### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

#### Postlude

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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 "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Morning services are available live on WLJR 88.5 FM. and 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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## Prelude

Rev. Daniel Cason, pianist

## Welcome

Rev. Benny Youngblood

## Call to Worship

Psalm 89:15–16

Pastor: *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,*

All: who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

## Prayer of Invocation

### Hymn of Praise\*

*“Come Thou Almighty King”* The Sing! Hymnal #15  
Connor Weide, Worship Associate

### Announcements

### Offertory Prayer

**Hymn of Thanksgiving**     *“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”* The Sing! Hymnal #38

### Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Mark: The Words of Eternal Life  
“The Messiah’s Herald”  
Mark 1:1–8

## Service of Officer Ordination and Installation

### Pastoral Benediction\*

### Doxology

### Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders & Congregation

### Postlude

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## 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.

– Dr. Scott Redd & the Briarwood Church Family

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | January 7 – April 29 \***

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

### **Sanctity of Life Sunday / Diaper & Wipe Drive | January 18**

Join us to celebrate the Sanctity of Life. Our Ministry Partners will be recognized during morning worship and you can visit with them in the Fellowship Hallway following the services. Bring your bags of diapers and wipes to leave behind your car for pickup while you are in church to benefit Bundles of Hope.

### **The Lampstand Conference — Church Revitalization | January 22–24**

You are invited to attend The Lampstand Conference, a conference on Church Health and Revitalization, hosted here at Briarwood. Church members are eligible for a reduced registration rate. Find details and register at [briarwood.org/lampstand](http://briarwood.org/lampstand).

### **Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | February 6–7**

Ladies, join us for our In-town Retreat titled "The Church, The Bride of Christ." Fellowship together with fun, dessert, and giveaways on Friday night, then return Saturday morning for breakout sessions. Register for \$45 at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Pray for the Lampstand Conference. Pray the final preparations will be completed and for safe travels for the various attendees coming to the conference. We are thankful that Briarwood has this teaching and resource ministry that provides insight for developing spiritually healthy churches.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Please pray for our church plant partners across the country as they head into the new year. Pray these new plants would see growth this year in the Christ-centered, spiritual health of their leadership and church.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Jeanette Ellis, Sam Nichols, Val Heise, Cindy Shaw, Easton Woodfin.

We rejoice with Lee and Anna Woodfin on the birth of their son, Easton Lee, on December 31.

Our love and sympathy to Tom and Jim Bradford, Holly Nichols and family on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, member Mary Anne Bradford, on January 3; and to Rob and Lizzy Mann and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Jane Mann, on January 3.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Anne Bradford from the Sojourners Sunday school class.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting** — Sunday, January 11, at 5:00 pm, in W-202. All are invited to a special time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Trailblazers Breakfast** — January 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A. Learn what artificial intelligence really is, how it affects the world around us, and the simple practical ways it can support your daily life. Sign up [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**Infant Baptism Class** — Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Jay Shaw will teach on the meaning of Infant Baptism and answer any questions. This class is open to all ages. To register, contact Leigh Anne Reese at [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**Become a Briarwood Member** — January 21, 24, & 25. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**Women's Winter / Spring Studies** — Ladies join one of our six studies this winter/spring. We have opportunities in person and online; in the morning and during the evening; and studies in the Old Testament and New Testament. For more information and to register, visit [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Men's Spring Studies** — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See additional information at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**GriefShare MidWeek Class** — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 12-week program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Call 205-776-5227 to sign up.

**Men's Praying Breakfast** — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Building. Please join us to pray for our church and the advancement of God's kingdom.

**Friendship Partner Program** — Impact the nations by welcoming international students. It doesn't take much to begin a friendship that could have an eternal impact. Applications are due by January 30. Contact Courtney at [cmcggregor@briarwood.org](mailto:cmcggregor@briarwood.org).

**Lampstand Volunteers** — Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming conference on January 22–24. If you are willing to house, lend a vehicle, or drop off snacks before the conference, contact Christi Bono at [cbono@briarwood.org](mailto:cbono@briarwood.org).

**Sunday Greeters Needed** — We would love for your smiling face to be a welcoming presence for each person who walks through our doors. All ages can participate! You can serve individually or as a family. Email [abarton@briarwood.org](mailto:abarton@briarwood.org) to volunteer.

**Job Opening: YBL Office Manager/Event Planner** — Full-time role focusing on administrative support, plans and executes 10–20 events annually including venue management and post-event follow-up. Send resume to [rgenin@briarwood.org](mailto:rgenin@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](http://briarwood.org/employment).

Stay up-to-date with events and opportunities with the Briarwood B-Mail newsletter.