



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

Sanctity of Life Sunday – January 18, 2025

Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Rev. Rob Looper, National / Revitalization 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 86:1-2

All: Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save Your servant, who trusts in You—You are my God.

Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession of Sin

Hunter Goff, Organist

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, I acknowledge and confess before You that I am a sinner. I am prone to do evil and unable of myself to do any good. In myself, I deserve Your just sentence of condemnation. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt repentance, I deplore and confess my sins, and I commit myself afresh and anew to serve You with a glad heart. Receive my worship, as I, by faith, receive Your pardon through the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Hymn 64

Confession of Truth*

Psalm 139:13-16

Pastor: For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

All: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Recognition of Sanctity of Life Partners

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 & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

"Creation Sings the Father's Song"
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

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 1:9–18

Exposition of God's Word

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Deuteronomy: Wholehearted Love
“The First Session”
Deuteronomy 1:9–18

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

*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.

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FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Welcome

Rev. Rob Looper, National / Revitalization Pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7

Pastor: *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;*

All: The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise*

“And Can It Be?” Hymn 203

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Mark: The Words of Eternal Life

“The Kingdom Come”

Mark 1:9–15

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

Hymn of Preparation*

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” Hymn 274

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51

The Receiving of the Elements

The Bread

“Jesus Paid it All”

Connor Weide, Seminary Worship Intern

The Cup

Pastoral Benediction*

Closing Hymn*

“Hallelujah, What a Savior!” Hymn 175

Postlude

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.

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. Volunteers are needed. If you are willing to house, lend a vehicle, or drop off snacks before the conference, contact Christi Bono at cbono@briarwood.org.

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 in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is available on Friday evening with nursery registration and the Gym will be open for Fathers and children on Saturday. Register for \$45 per person at briarwood.org/women.

* 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 our newly installed Briarwood elders and deacons. Pray that they would be committed to following Jesus, walking in holiness, leading with humility, and serving with truth and grace. *“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands.”* (Psalm 90:17)

Missions Prayer Focus — This Sanctity of Life Sunday, let us pray that we acknowledge the inherent value of every human life. May we boldly stand in defense of life from conception to natural death, committing to protect and value every individual, and reflect God’s love and compassion in all we do.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Jennifer Bentley, Teresa Boackle, Bebe Costner, Kay Felton, Sam Nichols, Val Heise, Steve Smith, Mary Stevenson, Easton Woodfin, Elaine Wright, and Chuck Powell.

We rejoice with Micah and Hannah Darlington on the birth of their daughter, Lucy, on January 9.

Our love and sympathy to Cindy Ragland and family on the death of her brother, Keith Connolley, on January 8; and to Stan Blair and family on the death of his wife, member Nikki Blair, on January 12.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App. In your Briarwood App settings, enable “Weekly Prayer Guide” notifications.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Local Ministry Prayer — This evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. All are invited to come and pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

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.

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.

Visitor Dinner — February 3. If you're new to Briarwood, Dr. Redd and Jennifer would like to invite you to a dinner! Come to meet them and learn more about Briarwood. R.S.V.P. to Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Soccer — Register by February 6. It's time for spring soccer! Registration is open for boys and girls ages 5–15 at briarwoodsoccer.com or 205-776-5114.

YBL Winter Breakfast — Friday, February 20 from 6:30–7:45 a.m. at the Harbert Center. Former NFL player, Brodie Croyle, will share his journey through victories and setbacks that deepened his faith, character, and understanding of true leadership. Tickets are available at ybl.org/events.

YBL Sporting Clays — Friday March 6 from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Selwood Farm. Breakfast and lunch provided. Purchase tickets and register at ybl.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.

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.

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.

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 rgegin@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.

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