



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, February 5, 2023

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

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 139:17

All: How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"The Love of God"

Hunter Goff

Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear me as I come to You, humbly confessing my sins and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken Your holy laws by my deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness. Have mercy upon me and, out of Your great goodness, grant that I may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymns of Ascents*

"Jesus Saves!" Hymn 306

The Confession of Truth*

I Timothy 2:3–6

Leader: *This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

All: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6

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

"I Will Praise Thee, O My Savior"

Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"O What a Friend"
Elizabeth Jordan, Soloist

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*

New Testament Reading*†

John 12:20–26

Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

III. Project Andrew:

Bring Them to Him

"Andrew Bringing Seekers"

John 12:20–26

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Congregational Affirmation*

"Jesus Paid It All"
Hannah Brennan, Soloist

Pastoral Benediction*

Doxology*

Postlude

"The Old Rugged Cross"

*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

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1

All: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise*

“Ancient of Days”

“My Soul Will Wait”

Shane Davis, Worship Leader

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“This Is My Song”

Briarwood Women’s Ensemble

Ken Berg, Director

Scripture and Sermon

Pastor Reeder

IX. Zechariah In Biblical Perspective
“Vision Number Five: The Golden Lampstand”
Zechariah 4

Benediction*

Doxology*

John Haines

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

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

Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. This group for adoption/foster families or others who want to support them, exists to ask, share, and support. Contact Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Global Ministries Conference Volunteering — February 26–March 5. There are numerous ways you can help, including housing, transportation, serving, baking, volunteering and praying. Contact Heather McDougall at 205-776-5279 or hmcdougall@briarwood.org.

Cards for Missionary Coffee — Tuesday, February 28 Write an encouragement card with a favorite verse or two to give to our visiting missionaries. Cards can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office (A106) between February 1–24.

Camp Briarwood Counselors — Camp Briarwood is looking for counselors for the 2023 Day and Overnight Camps this summer. Go to campbriarwood.org for information.

Briarwood Soccer — The spring soccer season is coming! Register boys and girls age 5–14 at briarwoodsoccer.com or 205-776-5114.

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

Men's and Women's Winter/Spring Studies — Men of the Covenant and Women's studies offer both morning and evening classes for men and women this quarter. View men's classes at briarwood.org/men and women's studies at briarwood.org/women.

Midweek at Briarwood — 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.

Trailblazers Trip Meeting — Monday, February 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come learn about the trip this fall to Tuscany, September 27–October 5. Contact Sharon Johnston at sjohnston@briarwood.org for details.

Worship Center Flowers — The alter flowers are given in loving memory of James Bruce Evans, Jr. by his family.

Worship Center Lobby Flowers — The flowers are given in memory of Christine Zabel from her funeral on Friday, February 3.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Mail Room/Print Services Clerk — Full-time position with benefits. Clerk will manage shipping, receiving, and copy room printing. Position requires a quick learner who can work independently, adapt to technology changes, be a problem-solver, and have a helpful and friendly attitude. Contact Landon McKee at lmckee@briarwood.org.

See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sportsman's Blast — Men's Ministry | February 10

February 10 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend for a BBQ dinner and to hear a gospel message from Jerry Leachman, former University of Alabama football player and chaplain for Fox News. Purchase tickets in the Briarwood Bookstore.

Global Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | February 26–March 5

At this year's Global Ministries Conference: "Tell the Wonderful Story," we will host missionary partners from all over the world and hear ministry stories from our International staff. The conference will conclude on March 5 with Faith Promise Sunday, when Briarwood members can turn in their Faith Promise commitment cards. See the full conference schedule online at briarwood.org/gmc.

Women's Missionary Coffee — Briarwood Women | February 28

February 28 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register for the coffee at briarwood.org/women. Nursery available by reservation.

Men's Sporting Clay Outing — Men's Ministry | March 11

Men, come test your aim and join us for a time of brotherhood and fellowship Saturday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Selwood Farm. The registration cost is only \$25, but space is limited. Register at briarwood.org/events.

Make nursery reservations for events at briarwood.org/nursery.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Local and Missions Prayer — Pray for this week's Sportsman's Blast and speaker Jerry Leachman. Pray his message would inspire those attending to share their faith. Pray for our sensitive-location ministry partner couple who minister with Cru in the Middle East. They had a successful college student Christmas event called "The Hidden Joy of Christmas" with music, games, dinner, and the Christmas story. The welcoming atmosphere allowed them to meet new students from different backgrounds. Pray for the follow-up meetings with those who came to the event. (The flag of Iraq is featured in today's worship service.)

Hospitalized: Frank Barker III, Don Davis, Betty Hull, Doris Davis, Doug Haskew, Lynn Holcombe, Carrie Turner, Joy Blazer

Our love and sympathy — to the family of Kim, Erin, Will and Ben McCown and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Cecil Williamson, Jr., on January 27; to Robert Holder and family on the death of his wife, member JoAnn Holder, on January 27; to Ann Leopard and family on the death of her brother, Coy Brothers, on January 16; to Tony Johnson and family on the death of his father, Bart B. Johnson, Jr., on January 31; and to Dan and Daniel Sherling and family on the death of their wife and mother, Denise Thompson Sherling on January 31.

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