

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 – November 8, 2026

Worship Leaders
Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor — Rev. Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE
…in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

Welcome & Time of Meditation & Confession — Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You. –Adapted from The Valley of Vision.

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 113:5

All: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high.

Prayer of Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Sacrament of Baptism

Greeting of Grace & Peace*

Hymn of Ascents* — *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* The Sing! Hymnal 4

Confession of Truth* — The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: *Christian, 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

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

Ministry Opportunities for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

…addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

Offertory *"Who is Like the Lord?"*
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* *"Only A Holy God"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture Reading*† Deuteronomy 6:1–3

Exposition of God's Word Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

"The Law's Exposition"
Deuteronomy 6:1–3

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 *"Trust and Obey"*

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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 11:00 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 Ben Weber, Campus Outreach Birmingham Director

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1

All: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise* Hannah Darlington, Worship Associate

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Scripture & Sermon Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

"You Are the Christ"
Mark 8:27–30

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation* *"The Doxology"*

Postlude Ginger Collins, Pianist

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

EMC Canvass Sunday — November 8
This morning is the final opportunity for members to submit their pledges during worship. Church officers will reach out to those who have yet to make a commitment. Learn more and make your pledge at briarwood.org/emc.

Countdown to Christmas — Women's Ministry | November 18
Women, join us at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. Hear the gospel and a story of God's faithfulness in one of Briarwood's longest running ministries. Enjoy delicious food, and fellowship with one another. Tickets are available for $20 at briarwood.org/events.

Walk Through Nativity — Christmas at Briarwood | December 9–11
December 9, 10 and 11 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Over 750 volunteer actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene-builders, and greeters are needed for this year's Walk Through. Sign up at briarwood.org/wtn or call 205-776-5282.

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

PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Praise the Lord for the guidance we've received from our leadership on the meaning of stewardship throughout this EMC season. May we continue to ask how God is calling us to give of our time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. Pray that we would be as eager to give as Christ has been to us.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the ESL students that come to English class every week, since many are hearing the story of Jesus for the first time. Pray God would soften their hearts and give them understanding, that they may take the good news of Jesus back to their home country when they return. The flag of Birmingham is featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Church Family — Pray for our hospitalized members Janice Bricker, Bruce Bush, Susan Deason, Jeanette Ellis, Janie Hannah, Betty Hull, Lynda Lamb, Betty Minderhout, Carolyn Price, Stuart Willing, Fred Yancey, Peggy Byron, Jean Beeland.

Our love and sympathy to Jenny and Elizabeth Piel, Abby Ford and family on the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Dorothy Virginia Franklin Zweil, on October 19; to Mary Sue McClurkin and family on the death of her sister, Ealar Prichard, on October 28; to Ryan, Brandon, Hunter and Ally Grace Church and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Greg Church, on November 1; to Ann Clarke and family on the death of her husband, member David Clarke, on November 3; and to Kim Williams and family on the death of her husband, Mike Williams, on November 3.

The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory of God from the funeral of Curtis Tanner on November 2, 2026.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Briarwood Angel Tree — November 8 & 15 outside the bookstore and in the chapel hallway. Gifts will benefit children in need from the Birmingham area. If you are available to work gift tables or for more information, please email apwood@briarwood.org.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Ending November 11. Join us for dinner, classes and activities each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find info at briarwood.org/midweek.

Children's Passport Night — November 13 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Register your child online at no cost at briarwood.org/children.

Hygiene Kit Collection — Ending November 13. Help us give Christmas hygiene kits and goodie bags to men at Bibb Correctional Facility. Drop new items in the bin in the Missions Office hallway. See the approved item list at briarwood.org/events.

Persecuted Church Prayer Breakfast — November 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for breakfast and prayer for persecuted believers around the world, with guest speaker Corey Jackson of Luke Alliance. Register online at briarwood.org/events.

Let's Go Fishing — Ending November 14. The Briarwood fishing pond, across from the Youth Barn, is overstocked, so we're opening it up! Briarwood members are invited to fish during this special open season. See details at briarwood.org/events.

Communion Sunday — November 15. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the morning Worship Services. Elements are gluten free. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received afterward.

Operation Christmas Child — Ends November 16. Pack a shoebox to touch a child's life! Pick up shoeboxes in the Ministries Lobby & turn them in to the Children's Auditorium. Include $10 for shipping. Build a shoebox online for $30 at briarwood.org/christmas.

Countdown to Christmas — November 18. Enjoy delicious food and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season! Hear the gospel and a story of God's faithfulness through the Briarwood Ballet. Learn more at briarwood.org/women.

Christmas Poinsettias — On sale through November 29. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone this Advent season. You can pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve candlelight service. Purchase for $20 at briarwood.org/christmas.

International Christmas Party — December 4 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your family and international friends! For additional information or to volunteer, email hwalker@briarwood.org or signup online at briarwood.org/events.

Trailblazers Christmas Lunch with Gary Palmer — December 6 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join the Briarwood Trailblazers for a Christmas Lunch with U.S. Representative Gary Palmer. Sign up online for $15 at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Trailblazers Christmas Tour — December 15. Join the Briarwood Trailblazers for a day trip to LaGrange's Tinsel Trail and dinner downtown. Cost is $125 per person. Email Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

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