

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church



Embracing Journeys | Engaging Faith



The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
10:30 a.m.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a caring community of friends who come from a variety of backgrounds to seek God in this place. We are united by our faith in Christ, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. We believe you will find Bradley Hills an open and safe place to ask the difficult questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey. Our history is connected to the care and nurture of children and to our supporting each other as we seek God. We encourage you to explore our bulletin and website, to include your email on the fellowship pads and to take home a red welcome folder found just outside the Sanctuary. We hope we have a chance to greet you following worship or that you'll contact us.

Many blessings,

Pastor David, the BHPC Staff, and Congregation
David@bradleyhillchurch.org

Bradley Hills is a welcoming witness to the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that diversity in our membership – different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities, races, sexual orientations, ideological and theological beliefs and experiences - is an important strength. We come from across the nation, from different denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

We are a mask optional community. All are welcome to attend in-person or online!

The church nursery is open for infants and toddlers age 3 and under. Children age 4 and older are invited to participate in Children's Church or stay with their families for worship. At this time, only caregivers and children receiving care are allowed in the nursery. If parents need to be with children, we encourage them to use the library. Masks encouraged for children 2 and older.

Adult Education: 9:15 a.m. | Covenant Hall -Join us next week for Adult Education. Happy Thanksgiving!

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor Denise Diaab

GATHERING MUSIC

Mit Fried und Freud ich farh dahin, No. 4

Dieterich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP THROUGH LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: We wait for the coming Messiah,

All: We watch with hope and expectation.

One: We open our lives to the promise of Advent,

All: God loves us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

One: We open our minds, and our hearts to God's presence and call,

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 1

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Alternative Giving

Elder Bonnie Holcomb

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

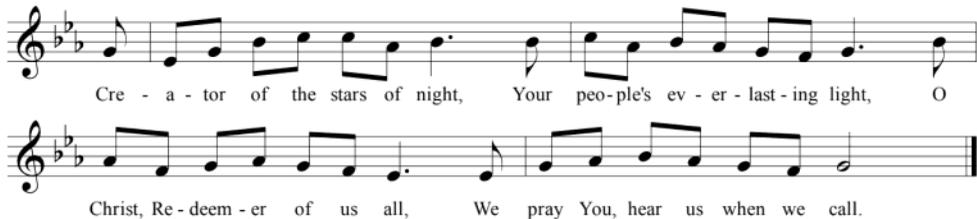
Said in unison.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Ever patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around, bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide. We easily lose our bearings. The maelstrom of life can overwhelm and paralyze us when we need to be at our best. Help us to be people who shine the light of your righteousness, hope, peace, joy, and love into the dark places of our lives and our world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Guide us with your star of wonder and turn our aimless wanderings into journeys of purpose.

Silence for personal confession

KYRIE



Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo-ple's ev - er - last - ing light, O
Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, We pray You, hear us when we call.

One: We pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE & INVITATION TO CHILDREN - HYMN 4

Children are invited, with the permission of their parents, to come forward and sit on the Chancel steps for the Children's Message.

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers!

Llangloffan

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
above this shadowed sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, children should stay with their parents/guardians for the remainder of the service. Church school for ages 3 to 5th grade will resume next week.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine, This lit-tle light of
mine, I'm gon-na let it shine; This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it
shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:1-17

Chancel Player Jean Dudek

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Mary Berry

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,

And pierce the shadows of the tomb.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed in awe,
Gavest thy folk the elder Law.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

SERMON

I Love to Tell the Story

Denise Diaab

*HYMN 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

Call for Pledges, Tithes and Offerings

As we make our offerings to God, please add your name and your email and/or address to the fellowship pad, pass to the end of your row and pass it back so that we might greet each other in our rows by name following the service.

OFFERTORY

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth

Georg Frederik Handel

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;
and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
upon them hath the light shined.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

Old Hundredth

The congregation may be seated.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER

Response for Concerns:

One: O Lord,

All: **Hear our prayers.**

Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,

All: **We praise the Lord.**

Said in unison.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The congregation may be seated.

SENDING MUSIC

For signs, *No. 1 from Collects*

Daniel Pinkham

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for those mourning the loss of a loved one:

Condolences and prayers for the families of those killed during a shooting incident at a Walmart in Virginia on November 22. ~ Prayers for the families of those killed during the earthquake in Indonesia on November 21. ~ Condolences and prayers for the families of Daniel Aston, Raymond Green Vance, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, and Derrick Rump who were killed during a mass shooting at an LGBTQ+ club in Colorado Springs on November 20

Celebrations:

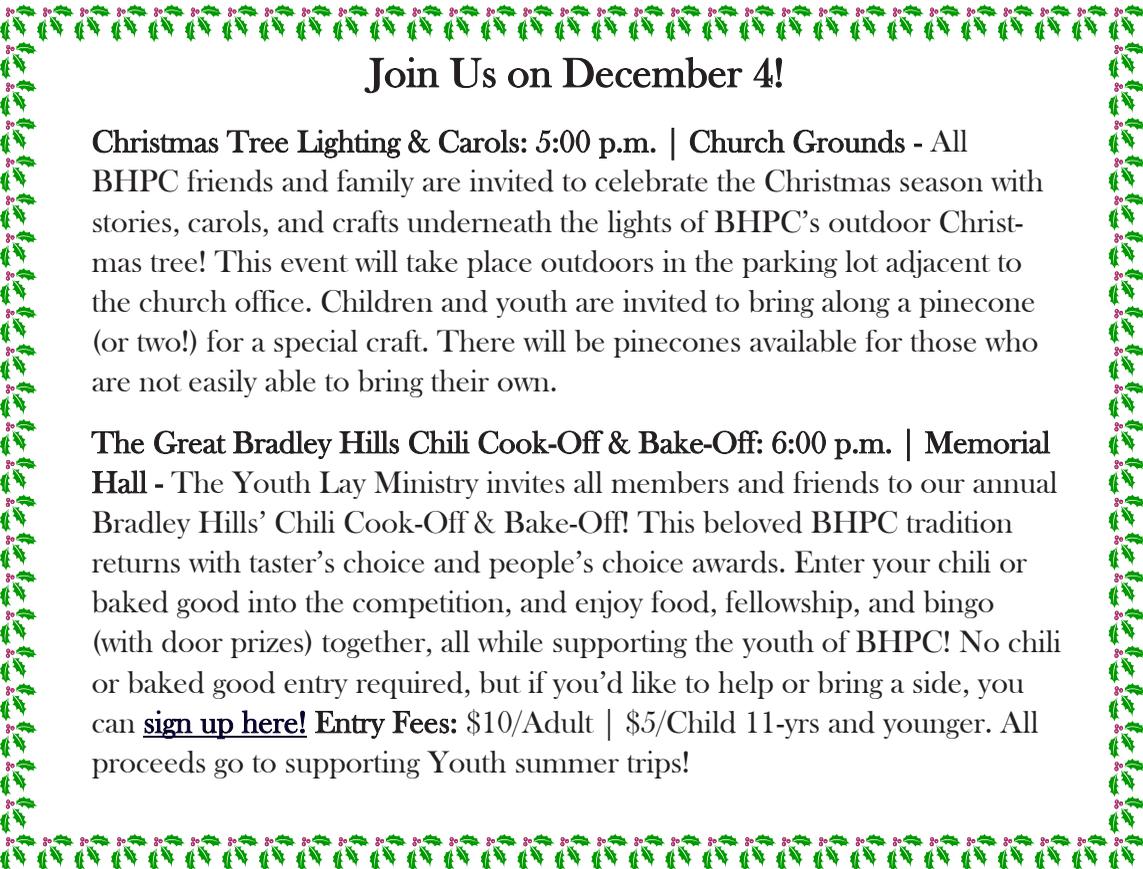
We give thanks for and celebrate the many expressions of music during worship on November 20 from the Bradley Ringers, Alleluia Singers, and Gen-Out Choir.

Concerns:

Prayers for all those affected by the earthquake in Indonesia on November 21. ~ We pray for an end to gun violence, with prayers for healing for those injured during the mass shootings at a Walmart in Virginia on November 22 and at an LGBTQ+ club in Colorado Springs on

November 20. ~ We pray for those who are ill, injured, facing/recovering from surgery, being treated for cancer, and/or isolated from the church community including Herb Dorsey, Phyllis Sutherland, Paul Lewis, Ed Everitt, Joan Brown, Nancy Taylor, Suzanne (friend of Mary Hickey), Glen Randall (friend of Elaine Hunt), James McReynolds (father of Linda McReynolds), Yasuko Sei (mother of Yoshi Sei), Angelica (sister of Leo, BHPC sexton), Alison (friend of Myla Williams), Kay (Phyllis Sutherland's cousin), Mark Kiernan, David Hill (brother of Walter Hill), and CC.

If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact David (david@bradleyhillchurch.org) or Denise (denise@bradleyhillchurch.org).



Join Us on December 4!

Christmas Tree Lighting & Carols: 5:00 p.m. | Church Grounds - All BHPC friends and family are invited to celebrate the Christmas season with stories, carols, and crafts underneath the lights of BHPC's outdoor Christmas tree! This event will take place outdoors in the parking lot adjacent to the church office. Children and youth are invited to bring along a pinecone (or two!) for a special craft. There will be pinecones available for those who are not easily able to bring their own.

The Great Bradley Hills Chili Cook-Off & Bake-Off: 6:00 p.m. | Memorial Hall - The Youth Lay Ministry invites all members and friends to our annual Bradley Hills' Chili Cook-Off & Bake-Off! This beloved BHPC tradition returns with taster's choice and people's choice awards. Enter your chili or baked good into the competition, and enjoy food, fellowship, and bingo (with door prizes) together, all while supporting the youth of BHPC! No chili or baked good entry required, but if you'd like to help or bring a side, you can **sign up here!** **Entry Fees:** \$10/Adult | \$5/Child 11-yrs and younger. All proceeds go to supporting Youth summer trips!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor David is traveling this Sunday, but will be back in the office on Monday, November 28.

We are so grateful for our wonderful sound and video ministry team: Bruce Liffiton, Jim Kettler, Min Lee, Bruce Hunter and Max Kuzmyak.

We are also grateful to **our Flower Guild** for our beautiful flowers on the Chancel each Sunday.

PREVIEW OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:

Preaching: Pastor David Gray will be preaching on Luke 3:1-17. There will also be Communion next Sunday.

Advent Candle Lighting: If you or your family are interested in lighting the Advent candles at the beginning of worship on Sundays in Advent, contact David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org.

Adult Education: 9:15 a.m. | Covenant Hall - Join us for Adult Education in Covenant Hall or on Zoom on **December 4**. This week we will be talking about *Waiting for the Light*. This year we have experienced challenges locally, nationally, and globally that have threatened and shaken the foundations of our faith. So much so that we may feel so overwhelmed by the darkness and not ready to welcome the light of Christ's coming. Carol Starr will lead us through scripture, text, art, and insights from our own Bradley Hills community that help us prepare to accept, appreciate, and enjoy the wonder of Christmas.

[Click here to join the Zoom Meeting each Sunday](#)

Or you can dial in for audio only at 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 815 0426 9624, Passcode: 454038

Congregational Meeting: 11:30 a.m. | Sanctuary - There will be a meeting of the BHPC congregation in the Sanctuary and online after worship for the purpose of electing our new classes of elders and deacons. The nominees for the elders class are: Andrew Martel, John Grobowski, & Kate Smith, and Will Kauffunger for youth elder. The nominees for deacons are Andrew Graeub & Catherine Payne, and James Eliason for youth deacon.

LIFE AT BRADLEY HILLS

Bible Study on Zoom: Wednesday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. | Zoom - Join David on discussing upcoming scriptures. Contact **Terry Brady** at terry_48@mac.com for the Zoom link.

Chocolate, Coffee, & Olive Oil: After the 10:30 a.m. service | Gathering Space - Stop by the Gathering Space on **December 4, 11, & 18** for delicious chocolate, coffee, and olive oil. The youth will be selling the chocolate and coffee to support their upcoming summer trips. The Olive Oil Ministry is back selling olive oil and spice packets to support Tent of Nations and Palestinian-Israeli relations. Preorder forms for the olive oil can be found in the Narthex. Come support these important ministries and get some great stocking stuffers!

Blue Christmas Services: Wednesday, December 14 at 12:00 p.m. & 7:30p.m. | In-Person & Online - Christmas is a wonderful time of year, but it can also be a challenging one. All around us we hear, “Joy to the World!” But what if we don’t feel like celebrating? For many of us, Christmas can be a hard time because we have lost a loved one or a relationship, experienced a personal or work challenge, we’re concerned for the future, we’re reflecting on COVID, or we have painful memories of Christmases past. Join us for prayer, word, candle light, meditation, and music, as we acknowledge the pain and sadness that many of us experience this time of year, even as we move toward a hopeful future.

Young Adult Christmas Eve Gathering: Saturday, December 24 at 8:30p.m. | Lounge - All young adults 18 and older are invited to share a time of fellowship in the Lounge before the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve worship service. Join Matt and all your college and young adult friends for a youth group reunion! Open to all young adults 18 and older.

Advent Devotions & Centering Prayer: November 29 - December 22 Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12 p.m. | Sanctuary - Join David on Tuesdays for a brief prayerful devotion either in-person or on Zoom. You can call in from wherever you are and participate or just listen to the prayer and devotion. **Call (540)792-0087 and enter access code: 413906. Please mute your phone as you call in.**

Denise will be leading an introduction to Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary on Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Contact Denise** for more information.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES



November 27 | First Sunday of Advent

Preacher: Denise Diaab
“I Love to Tell the Story”
Matthew 1:1-17

December 4 | Second Sunday of Advent

Preacher: David Gray
“Shake, Rattle and Roll”
Luke 3: 1-17
Communion
Congregational Meeting

December 11 | Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons & Carols Sunday
Chancel Players

December 14 | Blue Christmas

Preacher: David Gray
“Remembering the Light”
Jeremiah 29:11-13
12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

December 18 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preacher: David Gray
“Lo and Behold”
Mark 24 & Luke 2

**Christmas Brunch &
Caroling after Worship**

December 24 | Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Family Service with Pageant

6:00 p.m. Traditional Worship
with Section Leaders

10:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight
Worship with Chancel Choir

Preacher: David Gray
“Good News of Great Joy”
Luke 2

Chancel Players

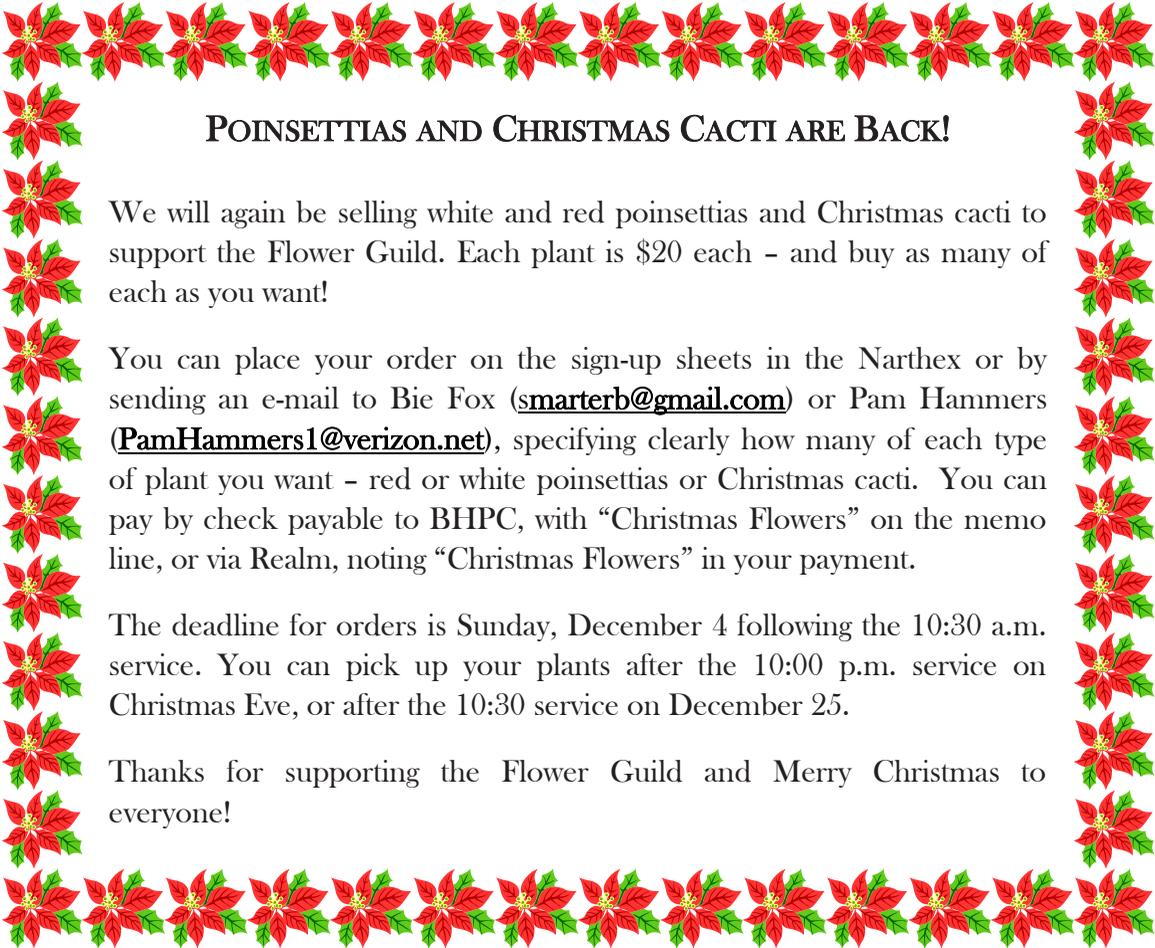
December 25 | Christmas Day

One service at 10:30 a.m.
Preacher: Denise Diaab

January 1 | New Year’s Day

One service at 10:30 a.m.
Preacher: Denise Diabb
No communion





POINSETTIAS AND CHRISTMAS CACTI ARE BACK!

We will again be selling white and red poinsettias and Christmas cacti to support the Flower Guild. Each plant is \$20 each - and buy as many of each as you want!

You can place your order on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or by sending an e-mail to Bie Fox (smarterb@gmail.com) or Pam Hammers (PamHammers1@verizon.net), specifying clearly how many of each type of plant you want - red or white poinsettias or Christmas cacti. You can pay by check payable to BHPC, with "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line, or via Realm, noting "Christmas Flowers" in your payment.

The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 4 following the 10:30 a.m. service. You can pick up your plants after the 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, or after the 10:30 service on December 25.

Thanks for supporting the Flower Guild and Merry Christmas to everyone!



GETTING CONNECTED AND EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community.

Pastor David will be available after worship or during the week to meet with families or individuals interested in connecting more at BHPC or exploring membership. Just email david@bradleyhillchurch.org to set up a time.

New members will be received next on **December 18.**



SEASONS OF JOYFUL GIVING 2022



We are looking forward to this year's Season Of Joyful Giving. Start thinking about the ways in which you and your family will participate in some or all choices offered! Thank you for continuing to help local families in need.

Women's Collective

The names of the children and their gift suggestions will be available for **in person sign-up** during coffee hour. Additional in person sign-up dates: November 20 and 27, during coffee hour. Wrap your gifts, bring them in, and labels will be provided for each gift. **Gift tables will be in the Sanctuary**, beginning November 20.

All gifts are due by Sunday morning, December 4.

Two volunteers are needed on December 4. Contact Elizabeth St. John at estjohn20903@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Dennis Avenue Health Center

Gifts for Children and for Senior Citizens These names and gift ideas will be available for **in-person sign-up only** on November 20 and November 27. Gifts due in the Sanctuary by **Sunday morning, December 4**. We are requesting two volunteers to help collect gifts.

A Wider Circle

These gifts for children are from A Wider Circle's [Amazon Wish List](#). Gifts will automatically be sent to A Wider Circle. If you prefer to order from a minority owned toy business, A Wider Circle suggests purchasing from the following businesses: [Teni and Tayo](#), [Double Dutch Dolls](#), Stem for Girls, [Black Unicorn](#). Please note that if you purchase from a business other than Amazon, you are responsible for shipping arrangements to the address below, or you can deliver your gifts to them during their office hours. **Gifts need to be purchased on or before December 5.**

A Wider Circle: 9159 Brookville Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Want to Do More? A Wider Circle Needs Volunteers During Their North Pole Hours! December 1 - December 23 | Monday - Saturday | 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

2 volunteers needed in the North Pole to help parents pick out presents

3-4 volunteers needed at the wrapping station

Anyone who wants to help in the afternoon after 1:30 p.m. will help with restocking

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact volunteer coordinator, Derrick Smith at volunteers@awidercircle.org or by phone at (301)844-5795 with your day and time.

Thank you!

Christmas Joy Offering, Presbyterian Church USA

This traditional Christmas Season offering supports racial and ethnic colleges of the denomination as well as providing support for retired church workers. The offering will be received around the Christmas Eve service.

Alternative Giving 2022 – Shop Less, Give More

Support alternative gifts at Christmas. Honor someone by financially supporting projects which are connected to our congregation. [Click here](#) to participate.

1. **A Wider Circle:** Striving to end poverty.
2. **Dennis Avenue HIV/AIDS Care** in our county. Offers clinic services, dental care and counseling. Donations support the Client Fund, to help with urgent necessities.
3. **Women’s Collective HIV/AIDS Care:** NE and SE DC. Solid emphasis on prevention and appropriate physical and mental health care.
4. **Summer Mission Trip 2023 to Charleston, SC:** Focus on earth care service projects while learning new skills and mutual respect.
5. **Uganda Village Health Teams:** Buyobo is the first community in Uganda to achieve a fully functioning volunteer health team. BHPC’s support has been essential.
6. **EDEN at Faith in Anacostia:** Everyone deserves to eat naturally. EDEN is eco conscious, provides fresh food, teaches about nutrition awareness, educates on agricultural skills, and provides employment opportunities.
7. **Peace in Israel/Palestine - New Story Leadership** equips Palestinian and Israeli change agents with the tools needed to create real change in the region.
8. **Gaza Health Care / Al Ahli Arab Hospital** - A haven of peace in a troubled place. Quality care is offered to all who need it.
9. **Mexico - Kids First:** Free orthopedic care and surgery in Guanajuato. Trips are back up and running with caution.
10. **Asia Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC):** Protecting civil and legal rights of low income Asian immigrants in DC area. Culturally appropriate and linguistically accessible.
11. **GenOUT Choir for LGBTQ+ & Allies:** Giving LGBTQ+ and allied youth a voice while connecting that voice to the larger community through music. GenOUT Choir recently sang at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on November 20.
12. **Ethiopia/Oromia - Educating Girls:** A creative approach combines funding for schooling for the girl’s family and for a mentor. Help lower barriers and protects the girls from the dangers of land grabs and political turmoil.

13. **CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate (Voices for Children Montgomery):** Provides a vital advocate for children in foster care so they don't get lost in the system.
14. **Asia - Forman Christian College/Pakistan Supporting Muslim & Christian Women Students:** Forman has a historical link to this church and a forever mindset of mutual respect.
15. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:** Disaster Relief Kits for assembly by Bradley Hills volunteers. The kits are an essential part of the human response to disaster relief.
16. **Bethesda Cares:** Offers compassionate response to local homeless and working poor.
17. **Bethesda Help:** Offers immediate short-term help our neighbors in need.
18. **Friends Club:** Offering careful, appropriate social interaction for men in early to mid-stage of Alzheimer's. Housed at Bradley Hills and has great respite for caregivers.
19. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance–For Ukraine:** Since the conflict escalation in February of 2022, the impact has been felt by millions of Ukrainians. PC-USA is responding to the most vulnerable.
20. **Queerly Gathered (QG):** An affirming Christian faith community that welcomes all who identify as LGBTQ+ to its social and spiritual activities. In its early stages, QG needs financial support as we help it grow into its potential.
21. **Alternative Gifts General Fund:** Donations allow flexibility to respond to the needs of our recipient groups that are not covered by specific donations.





Abundant
Blessings

Abundant
Gratitude

Abundant
Giving

PLEDGING & YEAR END GIVING

Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign is underway. Every member is encouraged to prayerfully consider making a **financial commitment for 2023**. To see the Stewardship 2023 Brochure and the commitment card [click here](#). To make a financial commitment to the church through Realm, [click here](#). If you have not accessed Realm in the past and need help, please contact the church office.

Also, as 2022 comes to a close, please consider a **special year end gift** to your church. Please be sure to make your gift by December 31, 2022. Our Lay Ministries count on every dollar. To make your gift, go to the *Ways to Give* page under the *SERVE* tab on the church website for the giving option details or [click here](#).

Do not forget, for your gift to be tax deductible in 2022, the gift must be postmarked in 2021 or received by the church by December 31, 2022. The church office door has a mail slot through which you may place your gifts. They are collected daily and placed in the safe.

If you have questions, please contact our Financial Services Manager, Amy de Court at amy@bradleyhillschurch.org.

The call has gone out for us to prayerfully consider how we will return our blessings to God with our 2023 pledges to Bradley Hills. Many of us participated in Dedication Sunday on November 6, but if you have not yet made your pledge, we encourage you to do so in any way that works for you: make your pledge through Realm or the website, send your pledge card to the church office, or simply email Amy deCourt (amy@bradleyhillschurch.org)

Your Stewardship Lay Ministry

MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR 2023: BECKY'S HOUSE MEALS

Volunteers are needed to provide dinners to the eight women living at Becky's House during 2023. Becky's house, managed by Interfaith Works, provides housing for women who would otherwise be homeless. For many years, BHPC members have been delivering dinner to a homeless shelter the second Monday of each month. Gourmet cooking is not required, just a wholesome meal, delivered before 6:00 p.m. to the shelter in Rockville's Aspen Hill area (can be delivered on Sunday for the next day). This is ideal for a family mission project. Delivery is contactless. Please sign up using [this link](#), or contact Kate Picard k8picard@gmail.com or Jennifer Kline (Jennkline0329@gmail.com) for the details and for menu suggestions or directions.

BOOK GROUP

Sunday, December 4 from 3:30 - 4:45

Anxious People: A Novel by Fredrik Backman

This is a humorous, poignant book about relationships. A failed bank robber bursts into an apartment where an open house is being held and takes eight extremely anxious strangers hostage. Each member of the group ends up revealing his or her own anxieties, not just about the hostage situation, but about their individual lives and realize they have more in common than they thought. The novel was adapted into a six-part Netflix mini-series, which premiered December 2021.

All are invited! Please contact Mary Hickey (maryhickey4415@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Allen (mpallen114@aol.com) if you have comments or questions.

SMART SACKS

What: Food assembly of weekend food supplies donated by Manna. Bradley Hills provides pickup from the Manna warehouse, assembly at our church and delivery to the Montgomery County public schools where distribution to the families occurs.

When: Immediately following 10:30 worship each Sunday

Where: Lounge

Who: All Ages - Families welcome!



RECURRING EVENTS AT BHPC

Many of our recurring events have been on hold because of COVID, but as we look to restart our activities, if you are interested in helping, contact David.

Bible Study: Meet with the pastors to discuss upcoming scripture at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

AA Meeting : Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Smart Sacks Mission Project: Provides weekend supplemental nutrition for students at local elementary schools after 10:30 a.m. worship at tables in Memorial Hallway.

Parenting Without Partners (PWP): PWP is a self-directed group that has met every other week in the past.

Open Nesters: Monthly potluck dinner group primarily of parents of adult or nearly adult children.

Kitchen Ministry: Prepare meals for those in need monthly.

Becky's House Meals: Provide and deliver dinner on the second Monday of each month for the eight women living at Becky's House, a long-term shelter for women who would otherwise be homeless. Contact Kate Picard (k8picard@gmail.com) or Jennifer Kline (jennkline0329@gmail.com) for more information.

So Others Might Eat (SOME): Every third Tuesday. Purchase ingredients, cook and serve breakfast to the homeless and working poor.

Dads' Covenant Group: Whether married, partnered, or single, if you are a guy raising children join us for a discussion and prayer group.

Family Connections Lunch: Monthly gathering of families with children for a meal after worship followed by family activities and spiritual enrichment for all ages.

Bradley Hills Playtime cohosted by MOMS Club of Bethesda-NW: Join other moms and their children for free play.

Keeping Up with Giving

We greatly appreciate all support for the church during these difficult times. We want to ensure that folks are aware of the many methods of giving to BHPC that are available, whether you are a long-time BHPC member, a virtual visitor, or looking to simplify your giving habits:

Online: All methods of online giving will direct you to Realm, BHPC's virtual connection tool, where you can securely enter any giving amount; designate which "fund" should receive your donation (e.g., "General Giving," the "Annual Pledge" or even the "Easter Fund"); and choose whether to make a one-time donation or a recurring donation and how you want to give; by credit/debit card or by ACH transaction using your bank account. All methods of online giving incur a processing expense for the church.

- **The "Give" Button**: Simply click the red "Give" button found on the top right corner of the BHPC website and you be directed to Realm.
- Text "BHPC" [space] dollar amount" (ex. "BHPC 150" for a \$150 gift) to 73256 and follow the link.
- **Log into Realm** via the App or from the website and choose the "Giving" option.

Donors can setup online giving by providing the information for credit/debit card, for ACH transactions, or for both. If both giving options are setup for a donor, the selection of which donation method to used is made at the time of each gift of when setting up recurring gifts.

Check: Make checks payable to "Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church" and mail or place through the office door (Door #4) mail slot, or you can set up automated bill payment through your bank and the bank will mail a check to the church at a frequency and amount you choose. For all checks, you can indicate a special designation in the memo field; gifts without a designation will be directed to general giving.

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