

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

February 18, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

A Special Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

We hope that the presence of the Holy Spirit and the warmth of Christ's love are gifts to you as we worship God together. **We encourage you to explore our bulletin, fill out a Visitor Card or the red fellowship pad at the end of your pew, and take home a welcome folder found just outside the Sanctuary.**

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 care and nurture of children and families, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service, and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. Bradley Hills is a safe place to ask the deep questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey.

We seek to be 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 a variety of denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers ages 3 and under in our nursery. All children are welcome to grab an activity board and children's bulletins for the service. We are a mask optional community. We have masks available just outside the Sanctuary if you would like one.

We hope we have a chance to greet you and get to know you. There are a lot of exciting activities happening at BHPC that we would love for you to be a part of. If we can share any information about the church or be of support to you in any way, just let us know. We invite you to explore our website at www.bradleyhillchurch.org.

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | david@bradleyhillchurch.org

Interested in joining the church? Email David to set up a time to talk.

Get Connected | Explore 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 at david@bradleyhillchurch.org to set up a time.

New members will be received next on **March 17**.

Our next Exploring Membership class is on Sunday, February 18 & March 10 at 11:45 a.m. in Covenant Hall and on Zoom. If you are interested in joining the new member class, please contact Pastor David.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

GATHERING MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

Bradley Ringers

Arr. by Susan Nelson

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Father Abraham

Cedarmont Kids

Alleluia Singers & Cherub Choir

Father Abraham had many sons Many sons had Father Abraham

I am one of them and so are you So let's all praise the Lord.

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot,

And head, tongue out, turn around, sit down!

*HYMN 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: We gather in this holy place,

All: That we might know and understand God better.

GRATITUDE & INTRODUCTION

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Day of Service

Rebekah Liu

CONFESSING & PRAISING

Said in unison.

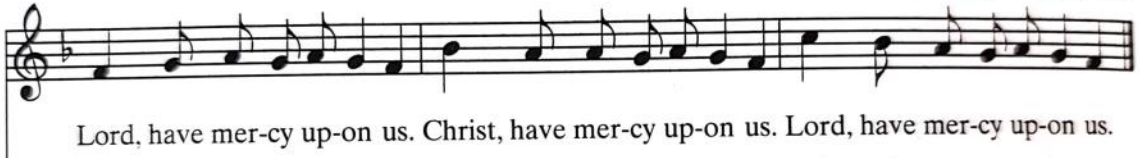
PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Pastor Denise Diaab

Gracious God, as we begin Lent we come before you in need of forgiveness. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith, as we confess...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown



5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine: Nev -
er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine. This is my
Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Baptism of Elijah Eunsang Cho

Son of David Cho & Bok-Eum Choi

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway at their classroom doors.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Go Now in Peace

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you
ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where you may go.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef and C-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:1-17

Chancel Player Jean Dudek

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Holy Is the True Light

William Harris

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict:
From Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

SERMON

Fourteen

David Gray

*HYMN 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Said in unison.

RESPONSE IN FAITH - FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

Dr. Robert P. Jones

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS - CALL FOR OFFERING

Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate. As we make our offerings, guests are encouraged to fill out the Visitor Card or the fellowship pads in the pews; fellowship pads can be passed to the end of your row and back so that we might greet each other in our rows by name following the service.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sometimes I Feel

Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Sometimes I feel like a moanin' dove, wring my hands an' cry, cry, cry.
Sometimes I feel like a motherless chile, wring my hands an' cry, cry, cry.
Sometimes I feel like I gotta no home, wring my hands an' cry, cry, cry.
Sometimes I feel like an eagle in de air, wring my hands an' cry, cry, cry.
Sometimes I feel like a motherless chile, spread my wings an' fly.
Sometimes I feel like a moanin' dove, wring my hands an' cry, cry, cry.

*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore.

The congregation may be seated.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

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

*SENDING HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

*CHARGE

Seated.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Let Thy Servant Now Depart in Peace

Christopher Tye

Bradley Hills Section Leaders

Lord, let thy servant now depart in peace: according to thy promise.

For mine eyes have seen the Saviour sent from thee.

Whom though hast prepared: before the face of thy people.

A light to lighten the Gentiles: to be the glory of thy people of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Always so be it.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Preview of February 25

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | From Matthew 2

8:30 a.m. Worship in Covenant Hall | **10:30 a.m. Worship** in the Sanctuary & online

Adult Education

February 25 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: *Holy Resilience: How did Judaism and Christianity Manage Trauma?*

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Ph.D, Professor of Hebrew Bible, Emerita, Wesley Theological Seminary, will present David Carr's *Holy Resilience: How did Judaism and Christianity Manage Trauma?* David Carr maintains that "suffering, and survival of it, was written into the Bible." We will look briefly at Ezekiel, Daughter Zion in Lamentations, the Suffering Servant in Isaiah, Jesus' crucifixion as the "founding trauma" of Christianity, and Paul as the "traumatized apostle" as examples of how our ancestors in the faith endured trauma. We will also consider the dangers of biblical self-blame as the primary response to trauma and path to recovery.

Details about the upcoming Adult Education sessions and the Zoom link can be found in the weekly emails, on the website, and below. The recordings of the Adult Education sessions can be found on the Bradley Hills YouTube Channel.

Join the Zoom Meeting Each Sunday!

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

Meeting ID: 817 0659 1994 | Passcode: 20817

New Member Class

With Pastor David

Sunday,

February 18

11:45 AM

Covenant Hall

Not available? No worries! Our next New Member Class is on March 10. Pastor David is also available during the week--just email him at david@bradleyhillchurch.org



Day of Service

February 25 at 11:30 a.m. |
Memorial Hall



***A Family-Friendly Mission
for all ages! Bring the family
and build a bucket!***

All are invited to come together and assemble clean up buckets, hygiene kits, and school supply kits for distribution by Church World Service (CWS) to those around the US that face emergencies.



Youth Led Pancake Lunch | Sunday, March 3

It's back! Join the Youth in **Memorial Hall** after the **10:30 a.m. worship** for their Annual Pancake Lunch in an effort to fundraise for their summer youth trips to Massanetta and Montreat. The lunch and fellowship are free, but **donations of gratitude are encouraged!**

Lenten Family Small Group | Mondays from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

In addition to Lenten Small Groups, we will have a **special small group just for families with children that will include childcare and a meal!**

We will share a meal, then the children will remain with childcare to play and have fun while the parents retreat to the library for small group time.

Scan the QR Code to Register!



Questions? Contact TDCE Rosanna Howard at rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org



Looking for a Lenten Devotional?

If you would like to utilize a daily devotional during lent, some of us will be using the Presbyterians for Earth Care devotional. Scan the QR code to view it.



Grief Support Group

Please Register by February 21

Our five-week grief support group sessions will meet **Sunday afternoons, February 25-March 24 from 12:00pm -1:30pm**. These are closed groups, meaning the same group of people meets each week. Groups follow a curriculum that includes coping skills and planning for special days to help participants better understand the grieving process and reflect on their journey to healing. Participants are given time to share feelings and memories in a safe, supportive environment, and **weekly attendance is encouraged**.

Registration is required before group participation, and space is limited. To register, please contact Pastor Denise at denise@bradleyhillchurch.org.

In-Person & Online Worship
EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31
9:15 & 11:15 AM
Brass Ensemble | Chancel Choir
Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

We hold in God's healing presence those who are experiencing grief and loss.

- The family of Campbell Graeub (Andrew Graeub's father) who died on February 10.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations:

- Expressing gratitude and appreciation to Brenda Weiser for sharing her musical gifts during worship with BHPC while Matthew Robertson was on family leave.

We hold in God's healing presence those who are suffering or have other concerns:

- Those who are hospitalized, injured, facing/recovering from surgery, being treated for chronic illness, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- Linda Kauskay who is recovering from elbow surgery on February 16.
- Meg (daughter of Carrie Milleson's friend) who is being treated for a head injury sustained in a scooter accident.
- Lillie Lim who is receiving treatments for leukemia.
- Eric, Peg Flowe, and Sharon Griffith.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and those who are experiencing hurt and division including:

- Peace for the people in Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Ukraine, and Russia.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- Those who live in hope for an end to gun violence and healing for the division in the United States.
- Those suffering from mental illness and/or addiction, those who are caregivers, and those traveling.

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

Music Note

While the vast majority of the English settings of this text use the *Book of Common Prayer* translation first published in 1549, English Renaissance composer Christopher Tye wrote, ***Lord, Let Thy Servant Now Depart in Peace*** with an unusual amalgamation of earlier translations, which is most apparent in the conclusion of the piece with "Always so be it" as a translation of "Amen." Tye's use of strict imitative counterpoint to introduce new lines of text in each vocal part is interrupted, as a dramatic rhetorical flourish, by sections of trumpeting homophony on the words "A light to lighten the Gentiles" and "Always so be it."

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD 20817

Text Giving



Text "BHPC"
to 73256

Mobile Giving



Download the Realm
Connect App

Realm Giving



Access the **Bradley Hills Giving Page**

www.bradleyhillchurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note From Stewardship

This is the first Sunday in Lent. As we meditate on Christ's coming sacrifice and look for ways to serve, we are grateful for all the Bradley Hills members and friends whose gifts make our worship ad service possible.

Did you know that you can **gift securities** (stocks, bonds, etc.)? Transferring securities to Bradley Hills' brokerage account is a great way to donate appreciated securities while potentially avoiding capital gains taxes. For more info on this, **give the office a call at (301)365-2850**.

Get Involved This Week at BHPC

Smart Sacks in the Lounge | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. A **family-friendly mission opportunity** that provides supplemental food to families in Montgomery County who are food deficient over the weekends.

Youth Group | Sundays at 12:00 p.m. Open to youth in **grades 6 to 12**. Come hang out in the youth lounge, play games, build relationships, and experience God.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Do you like to sing? The Chancel Choir sings each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us on Thursdays for rehearsals.

Monday, February 19 | BHPC Office Closed

The BHPC Offices will be closed on February 19, President's Day. We will reopen with normal hours on Tuesday, February 20. If you need to be in touch with a pastor immediately, please contact Pastor David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org.

Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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| Our Child Caregivers - Nora Mendez, DelCarla Shorter, & Liz Allen | | |
| Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland | | |
| Our Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Kaytlin Withers (alto), Kyle Tomlin (tenor), Steven Slupe (bass) | | |

2024 Sign-Ups for Flower Deliveries & Dedications Available Now!

Scan the QR code to the right or contact Bie Fox or Caroline Simpson if you are available to **deliver flowers to congregational members** who are isolated from the community, need TLC, or simply in celebration of life's joys. We urge those who can to please help in this ministry of care. **Families, adults, and youth are welcome to participate in putting a smile on someone's face!**



Scan the QR code to the left or contact Elizabeth Bullock or the Flower Guild if you are **interested in dedicating flowers in honor or in memory of someone.** Each dedication costs \$65.00. All proceeds go to funding the Flower Guild and Sunday morning flower arrangements.

Get Involved in the Life at Bradley Hills

Worship

In-Person Worship

8:30 a.m. | Covenant Hall 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Lenten Sermon Series on Matthew

Online Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Education

Adult Education | Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge and on Zoom

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom

Lenten Small Groups | *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*

Mission & Racial Justice

Smart Sacks | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Lounge

Becky's House Meals | Cook one meal for 8 people--dates vary.

Day of Service: Disaster Kits | February 25, 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall | Family-friendly

Families & Children

Childcare | Children 3 and under at 10:30 a.m. worship

Children's Ministries

Church School | Sundays at 10:45 a.m. after the Children's Message

Pre-K to 5th Grade

Easter Egg Hunt | Sunday, March 31

Vacation Bible School | August 2024

Youth Ministries

Youth Group | Sundays at 12:00 p.m. - resuming in February

Youth Mission Trips | June & July 2024

Pancake Lunch | March 3, 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall

Family Connectional Lunches & Events

Family Lenten Small Group | Mondays, beginning February 26, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Music

Choirs for All Ages

Chancel Choir (all are invited) | **Lantern Chorale** (6th-12th Grade) | **Alleluia Singers** (K-5th Grade) | **Cherub Choir** (Ages 3 to 7) | **Bradley Ringers** (all are invited)

Bradley Hills Presents Concert Series 2024:

The Yale Whiffenpoofs | Sunday, March 10, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.

Filament: Bach & Buxtehude | Saturday, April 6, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Worship Schedule: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

February 25 | Second Sunday of Lent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Matthew 2

After Worship: Lenten Day of Service: Disaster Kits, Hygiene Kits, & School Supply Kits

March 3 | Third Sunday of Lent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Matthew 3 | **Communion**

After Worship: Youth Led Pancake Lunch

March 10 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Matthew 4

After Worship: New Member Class

March 17 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Matthew 5 | Chancel Players

After Worship: New Members Join

March 24 | Palm Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab | Matthew 5 | Chancel Players

After Worship: New Members Join

March 31 | Easter Sunday at 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Brass Ensemble | Chancel Choir

Easter Egg Hunt | Easter Coffee Hour

Interested in Staying Up-to-Date on BHPC? Get Connected!

Sign up for our weekly email updates, *Weekly Expressions*, to stay connected and informed about BHPC. If you are interested, you can contact our Director of Communications & Administrative Ministries,

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