

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
February 25, 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, March 10 at 11:45 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom. If you are interested in joining the new member class, please contact Pastor David. *Childcare and lunch will be provided!*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Introduction-Chorale; *from Suite Gothique, Op. 25, No. 1*

Leon Boëllmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: The cross guides our journey.

All: God's spirit welcomes us.

One: The spirit of sacrifice shapes us.

All: God's healing welcomes us.

One: The hope of Lent surrounds the cross.

All: God's grace claims us. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: We gather in this holy place,

All: That we might know and understand God better.

CONFESSING & PRAISING

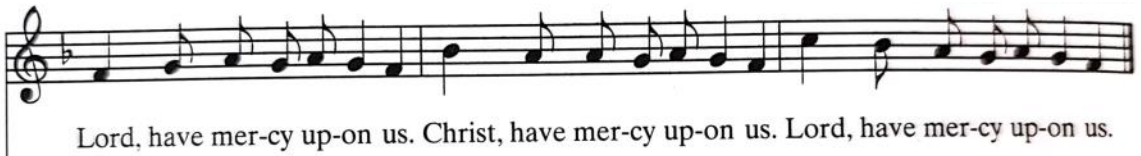
Said in unison.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Loving God, your song of sacrifice plays in our hearts. Yet we confess that we have not served you nor cared for each other as we should. Forgive us. Heal us. Set us free to act as your people. Help us to adore you as we confess...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE



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

TDCE Rosanna Howard

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:11-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

SERMON

Exodus in Love

David Gray

*HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Said in unison.

RESPONSE IN FAITH - FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

I believe in God, who creates, sustains, and redeems, who sets me on the journey of faith. Like a parent, God will not forsake me. I believe God's Son walks along side me, through the pain of the world, in the midst of misery and grief, to help me spring forward into new life. I believe the Holy Spirit guides my steps, that I may take up my cross and follow Christ. Follow all the way through Lent, to the challenge of Holy Week and into the joy of Easter.

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

Keep Your Lamps!

arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian soldier, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

***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 151**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Seated.

SENDING MUSIC

Minuet; *from Suite Gothique, Op. 25, No. 2*

Leon Boëllmann

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**





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.

Preview of March 3

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | From Matthew 3 | Communion

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

Adult Education

March 3 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: *Matthew Hackworth Presents EMFERD in Tanzania*

Matthew Hackworth will present the work of EMFERD in Tanzania—which provides direct, hands-on support for the education and rehabilitation of the severely disabled on the ground in two centers in Tanzania. EMFERD also supports efforts for girls education (apparently in Tanzania, if a family has a child with a disability, the daughter in the family is expected to drop out of school to help care for the family as a whole). The driving force behind EMFERD is Josephine Bakhtaran (“Mama Bakhtaran) who started the organization after her disabled son passed away and she realized how little support there was for families with disabilities in Tanzania. She mobilized and has secured funding, but EMFERD’s centers and keeps pushing to expand services to help families and in some cases, keep children with disabilities alive.

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

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 from February 26 to March 25 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

Youth Led

PANCAKE LUNCH

3 MAR 2024

11:30 a.m. | Memorial Hall

Help the Youth go on their summer trips
to Massanetta & Montreat!

Enjoy **fellowship** and **pancakes** and
show your gratitude by donating!





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.

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.

Alleluia Singers Rehearsal | Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Open to children in **Kindergarten to 5th grade**, the Alleluia Singers make a joyful noise in the Choir Room.

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.

Visiting Team Meeting | Monday at 6:30 p.m. Do you have a caring nature? The Visiting Team may be for you! For more info, contact Jennifer Kline or Pastor Denise.

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Join the pastors for discussions on upcoming scripture on **Zoom**. Both **participants and listeners welcome!**

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 in the **Sanctuary** for rehearsals.

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

Bradley Hills Presents:

The Whiffenpoofs

March 10, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.



visit bradleyhillschurch.org or scan for tickets >

Bradley Hills Presents: The Yale Whiffenpoofs

\$40/adult, \$30/student, and \$15/child under 15 years old

Bradley Hills Presents invites you to join us as we welcome back The Yale Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and most renowned collegiate a cappella group. Following their sold-out performances in 2019 and 2023, Bradley Hills Presents is delighted to invite you to a night of jazz, oldies, classic rock, and everything in between. Their characteristic white tie and tails, paired with their enthusiasm and humor, are icons all around the globe. Recent Whiffenpoof performance venues have included Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House, the Rose Bowl, and the Lincoln Center. The Whiffenpoofs have also reached a television audience of more than 175 million in appearances on NBC's "The Sing Off," "The West Wing," "The Today Show," "60 Minutes," "The Gilmore Girls," "Jeopardy!," "Saturday Night Live," and "Glee," and have performed for multiple sitting presidents of the United States.

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Larry Northup & Amy de Court on the passing of Larry's Aunt Meieli (96) in Switzerland.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations:

- Celebrating with Bok-Eum Choi & David Cho the baptism of their son Elijah Eunsang Cho.
- Enlightening and inspiring Adult Ed presentation by Robert P. Jones on *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*.
- Giving thanks to Brenda Weiser for sharing her musical gifts with BHPC while Matthew Robertson was on family leave.
- Feeling the joy of special music provided by the Bradley Ringers, Alleluia Singers, and Cherub Choir during worship last Sunday.
- Praising the Lord for Joy and Stahis Panagides' safe arrival to their new home in Cyprus.

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.
- Mary Hickey for health concerns.
- Linda Kauskay who is recovering from elbow surgery.
- LaVon (Phyllis Sutherland's sister) who is recovering from broken vertebrae due to a fall.
- Linda (Phyllis Sutherland's cousin's wife) who started chemo for lung cancer.
- Akiko (Susan Noreen's mother) for health concerns.
- Meg (daughter of Carrie Milleson's friend) who is recovering from a head injury received in an accident.
- Lauren Ward (Cheryl Martel's friend) and her three children as she battles a rare form of cancer.
- 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@bradleyhillchurch.org).

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

Who needs a will? Every adult who owns anything, who has children, or who cares what happens to their property when they die. Also anyone who believes in life-long stewardship and wants to remember favorite ministries.

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**.

Music Note

English Victorian composer John Stainer's (1840-1901) setting of John 3:16, "For God So Loved the World," comes from his 1887 oratorio *The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer*, a piece the composer himself is said to have described as "rubbish." Nonetheless, *The Crucifixion* remains popular and is widely performed today, especially around this time of year. Stainer's homophonic setting treatment of *For God So Loved the World* is heartfelt and earnest, underscoring the tension of love and sacrifice found in the text.

Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Our Sextons - Juan Mendez Sr., Leonel Bruno, Juan Mendez Jr., & Jorge Miranda		
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 at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Lenten & Easter Worship Schedule:

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

March 28 | Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

March 29 | Good Friday at 12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

12:00pm: Reading the Last Words of Christ | In-Person

7:30pm: Chancel Choir Leading Worship | Special Music | In-Person & Online

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Brass Ensemble | Chancel Choir | Matthew 28

Easter Egg Hunt | **Easter Coffee Hour**

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

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Dir. of Comm & Admin at elizabeth@bradleyhillchurch.org, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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