

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

March 10, 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.bradleyhillschurch.org](http://www.bradleyhillschurch.org).

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | [david@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillschurch.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@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillschurch.org) to set up a time.

**Our next Exploring Membership class is on Sunday, March 10 at 11:45 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom. *Childcare and lunch will be provided!*** If you are interested in joining the new member class, please contact Pastor David.

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILION PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING MUSIC

Herzliebster Jesu; *from Eleven Chorale Preludes, Op. 122, No. 2* Johannes Brahms

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Come and seek the God of glory,

All: Let us seek and see God's love.

One: Come sing praises with joyful lips,

All: That we may worship in gratitude and humility. Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN 456

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

*Morning Hymn*

### 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

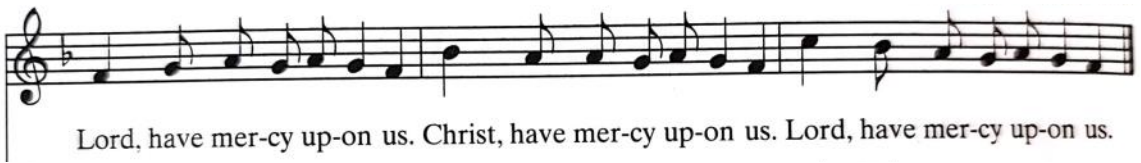
*Said in unison.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Loving God, you walk with us this Lent. Yet we confess that we have not glorified you nor cared for each other as we should. Forgive us. Heal us. Set us free to act as your people. Spring us forward to notice you on the journey. Help us to savor each moment in your presence 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

Baptism of Cormac Lewis Brodeur

Son of Leslie Irene Morrison & Andrew Michael Brodeur

*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

Seek Ye First

*Lafferty*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

Chancel Player Bill Perry

## ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake his ways.  
He leads me for his mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.  
One word of thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away,  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread.  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days,  
O may thy house be my abode And all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come,  
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:12-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*The Speed of Light*

David Gray

## \*HYMN 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*St. Christopher*

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN FAITH - ADAPTED FROM CONFESSION OF 1983

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. In Jesus, we are able to see and follow God's will for us in a unique way.

## 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. Every Lent BHPC participates in the PCUSA's **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. This offering benefits several important missions, including the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Envelopes are available in your pews through April 7 if you'd like to participate.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Road Home

Tune "Prospect" adapted by Stephen Paulus

Kathryn Withers, *mezzo-soprano*

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,  
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, O when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,  
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,  
Through the air there's a calling from far away,  
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,  
With love in your heart as the only song;  
There is no such beauty as where you belong,  
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

## \*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.

## 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

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### \*HYMN 467

*v. 1, 3, & 4*

How Great Thou Art

*O Store Gud*

*Seated.*

### SENDING MUSIC

Prelude in D Minor

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**Get Connected | Explore Membership**  
With Pastor David  
Sunday, March 10 | 11:45 AM; Library  
Lunch & Childcare will be provided! Zoom option also available.  
New Members Received Next: March 17  
Questions? Contact Pastor David at  
[david@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillchurch.org)  
< Scan the QR Code to join the Membership  
Class on Zoom!



## Preview of March 17

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Matthew 5 | New Members Join | Chancel Players  
8:30 a.m. **Worship** in Covenant Hall | 10:30 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary & online

### Adult Education

March 17 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

**Topic: *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week: The Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane***

Carol Starr & Dianne Whitaker will lead the first part in a two-part series on *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week: The Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane*. Using tools and resources from Amy Jill Levine's book, participants will study and reflect on the many risks faced by Jesus and his disciples as they entered Jerusalem and spent the last week of his life. March 17 will focus on the risk that Jesus took in participating in a meal with his beloved disciples who cannot accept that he must die.

*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

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### Panel Discussion: Islamophobia & Antisemitism



The ICPC invites you to participate in a Panel Discussion on Islamophobia and Antisemitism on Sunday, March 17, starting at 3:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. The event is being co-sponsored by the Jewish-Islamic Dialogue Society of Washington D.C. (JIDS) and Jews and Muslims and Allies Acting Together (JAMAAT). Please RSVP to [jids.washington@gmail.com](mailto:jids.washington@gmail.com).



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. Access the devotional by scanning the QR code, finding it in the weekly emails, or going to the church website.



Bradley Hills Presents:

# *The Whiffenpoofs*

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



visit [bradleyhillchurch.org](http://bradleyhillchurch.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.



In-Person & Online Worship

# EASTER SUNDAY

## MARCH 31

*Identical Services at*

### 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Preludes at 9 & 11 AM

Brass Ensemble | Chancel Choir

Egg Hunt | Easter Coffee Hour

The Deacons invite you to

*Easter Coffee Hour*

after the

9:15 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES

fellowship | coffee | blessings | sweets



## Easter Flower Sign-Ups

Purchase your Easter azaleas, hydrangeas, and lilies  
for \$25/plant!

To place your order, sign-up sheet can be found in  
the Narthex, scan the QR code, look for the link to  
the Sign-Up Genius in the weekly emails, or contact  
Bie Fox, Susan Vanderver, or anyone else on  
Flower Guild.

Each plant purchased comes with a dedication that  
will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.



Questions? Contact the church office at  
(301)365-2850.

*Order by March 17!*



# Easter

## EGG HUNT

### 10:30am at the LABYRINTH

#### Music Note

**The Road Home** is based on the American hymn tune *Prospect*. Written by W. Walker in 1835, it is one of the few in the catalog of pre-20th century American Hymn tunes, and was sung frequently in the South. Paulus, in his setting of this tune, is able to encapsulate the ruggedness of this still-new country and pass on an impression that there is yet more ahead that is unknown.

## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

**We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations:**

- Congratulations to Leanne Frenkel (daughter of Carol & Mike Frenkel) who passed the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy exam.
- We rejoice with the youth for a successful Pancake Lunch last Sunday were they raised over \$1,500 for summer trips; thanks to all who participated/helped!

**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.
- Frank Randall who is recovering from hand surgery.
- Nancy Meyers who is dealing with the side effects of long-term covid.
- Mary Hickey for health concerns.
- LaVon (Phyllis Sutherland's sister) who is recovering from broken vertebrae due to a fall.
- Akiko (Susan Noreen's mother) who is recovering from surgery.
- Eric, Peg Flowe, and Sharon Griffith.
- Nora's mother who is home from the hospital and doing better.
- Mothers of BHPCNS students who are being treated for cancer.

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

- Those recovering from the devastation caused by the Smokehouse fires in Texas.
- 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.

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**March 10 - April 9**

*Ramadan at Bradley Hills*

MIIC will be celebrating Ramadan each evening at 6601

## 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](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org)

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

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## A Note From Stewardship

During this season of Lent, we are called to serve God and each other. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." I Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

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## 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 & Cherub Choir Rehearsal | Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Open to children **ages 3 to 5th grade**, the choirs will be combined for the rest of the Spring and will 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.

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

Lantern Chorale Rehearsal | Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. For youth in grades 6 to 12. Come make a joyful noise, work as a team, and learn new and fun things about music.

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.

# Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
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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)

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## 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.

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## I.D.E.A.S. Summer Camp

The I.D.E.A.S. camp is renting space at BHPC this summer for a camp for **Pre-K to 8th Graders** from **July 8 to August 2**. BHPC community members will receive discounts to enroll their child in camp. More info is available in the Narthex or visit [ideassumercamps.com](http://ideassumercamps.com).

# Get Involved in the Life at Bradley Hills

## Worship

### **In-Person Worship**

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

Lenten Sermon Series on Matthew

### **Online Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Week & Easter Services** | See the back of the bulletin for more details.

## 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.

**Feeding Families** | Collaborative with Faith Presbyterian Church in Anacostia

## 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.

**Youth Mission Trips** | June & July 2024

### **Family Connectional Lunches & Events**

**Family Lenten Small Group** | Mondays, Feb. 25 - Mar. 25, 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 17 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Matthew 5 | Chancel Players | New Members Join

### Holy Week

March 24 | Palm Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab | Waving of the Palm Branches | Matthew 21:1-11

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. | *Identical Services*

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

**Easter Egg Hunt | Easter Coffee Hour**

*Preludes at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

### ***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](mailto:elizabeth@bradleyhillchurch.org), and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.