

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

March 17, 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 May 19.

Our next Exploring Membership classes are on Sundays, May 5 & 12 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

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

No. 3 from Eleven Chorale Preludes, Op. 122

CALL TO WORSHIP

His Strength is Perfect

Steven Curtis Chapman & Jerry Salley

Bradley Hills Cherub Choir & Alleluia Singers

His strength is perfect when our strength is gone.

He'll carry us when we can't carry on.

Raised in his power, the weak become strong,

His strength is perfect, His strength is perfect.

*HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

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

Pastor Denise Diaab

God of compassion, you know our faults and yet you have promised to forgive.

Forgive us the sins we know in our heart. Free us from the sins we hide. Open our hearts to gladness and breathe new life into weary souls. Restore us to the joy of your salvation...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE

The Walk to Calvary

Norma S. Anderson

Bradley Hills Lantern Chorale

One night the Lord went out to pray alone In that dark garden, Gethsemane.
And as he knelt there, he asked for strength to bear His heavy burden, Gethsemane.

Refrain:

*Oh, yes, my Savior, oh, how he suffered there In that dark garden, Gethsemane.
He knew the path that he must travel then As he walked on to Calvary.*

By friends rejected, he was betrayed that night Near that dark garden, Gethsemane,
The people mocked him, They shouted, "Crucify!"
As he walked on to Calvary. *Refrain.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Lamb of God, you bring us peace.

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

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 4:16-17

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-10

Chancel Players Frank Randall, Kate Smith, & Tracy Rankin

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Kingdom Values

David Gray

ANTHEM

The Beatitudes

Philip Stopford

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

I Give You A New Commandment

Dominick DiOrio

I give you a new commandment,
That you should love one another,
as I have loved you.

*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:

Response for Celebrations:

One: O Lord,

One: With thanksgiving,

All: Hear our prayers.

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 371

Lift High the Cross

v. 1, 2, & 4

Crucifer

*CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

make peace

If you can make peace

make peace

in the heavens

in us

in all the world

make peace.

David Lang

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A vertical poster for Easter Sunday worship. The background is a sunset sky with a wooden cross on the left. The text is centered and reads: "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".

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

Preview of March 24 | Palm Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab | Waving of the Palm Branches | Matthew 21:1-11
8:30 a.m. Worship in Covenant Hall | **10:30 a.m. Worship** in the Sanctuary & online

Adult Education

March 24 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 Part 2*

Carol Starr & Dianne Whitaker will lead the second 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 24 will follow them into the Garden of Gethsemane where Christ prays to accept his impending fate while his followers abandon him. We will reexamine the biblical text with our own experiences, emotions, and expectations and consider the full impact of Entering Christ's Passion: facing our fears and risk-taking, asking questions rather than settling for what we have always been taught, taking seriously what it means to be in Communion, seeing old stories in new ways, giving us courage to embrace righteous anger, and giving us comfort to know that death is not the end of the story.

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

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.





Maundy
Thursday

Join us on March 28
at 7:30 p.m.
for a Hymn Sing* &
Prayer Service

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab
In-Person in the Sanctuary &
Online

**Hymn requests should be made to
Pastor Denise before Maundy Thursday*



Easter

EGG HUNT

10:30am at the
LABYRINTH



Easter Flower Sign-Ups

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

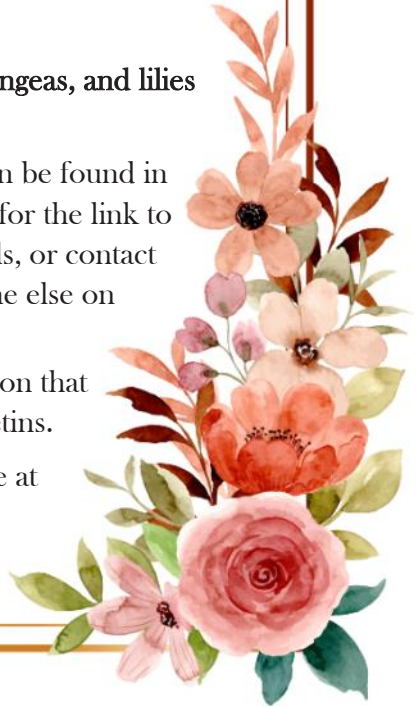
To place your order, sign-up sheet can be found in
the Narthex, scan the QR code, look for the link to
the Sign-Up Genius in the weekly emails, or contact
Bie Fox, Susan Vanderver, or anyone else on
Flower Guild.

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.

Today is the last day to order!



The Deacons invite you to



Easter Coffee Hour

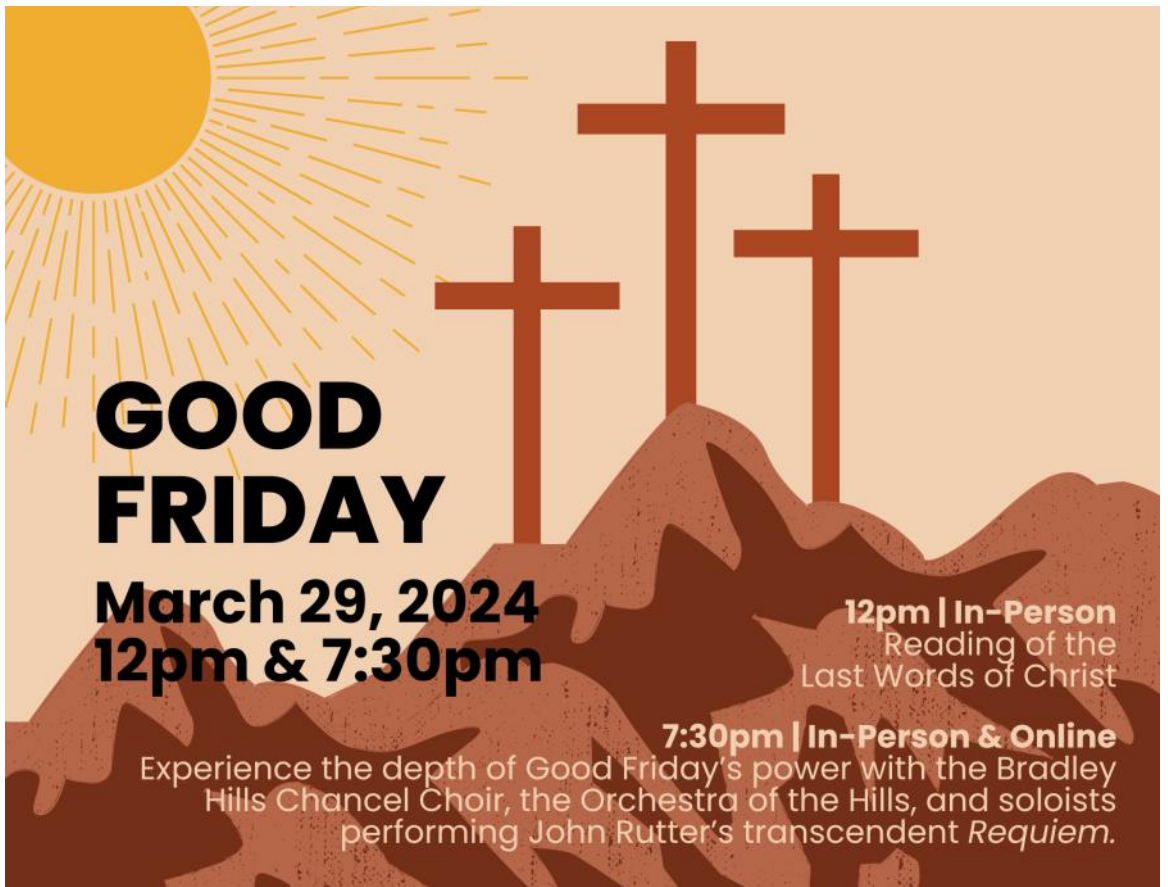
in Memorial Hall after the

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

WORSHIP SERVICES



fellowship | coffee | blessings | sweets



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:

- The baptism of Cormac Lewis Brodeur on March 10, son of Leslie Morrison & Andrew Brodeur.

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

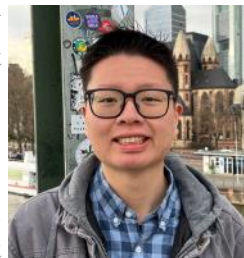
- Those who are hospitalized, injured, facing/recovering from surgery, being treated for chronic illness, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- Families who are facing difficult health concerns.
- Eric, Nancy Meyers, Mary Hickey, and Peg Flowe.

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

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

Meet Our New Members

Hananiel (Han) Setiawan is originally from Indonesia and has recently moved to Gaithersburg from Durham, NC, where he earned his PhD at Duke University. He now works as a diagnostic imaging physicist at the NIH. During his time in Durham, Han was active in the Duke Chapel Choir and various community organizing and advocacy organizations. He completed his undergraduate studies at Lansing Community College and Michigan State University, and briefly worked as a physics researcher at



the University of Zurich before pursuing his graduate degree. Han looks forward to joining BHPC and contributing to its ministries.



Raisa Orleans & Jeff Vanderslice are Southern California transplants living in Silver Spring with their three sons, Luka (6), Kai (4), and Reid (almost 2). In the 4-6 minutes of free time they get each day, Raisa enjoys cooking, exercise, and reading, while Jeff enjoys music, nonfiction, and following Raisa around the house telling her what he just learned from his latest book.

Music Note

make peace's text is inspired by the final section of the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer used to mourn the dead, which Lang has transformed into a call to action for the living. The interweaving of text and musical fragments, passed between voices and altered as the piece evolves, creates the otherworldly sound-world that has become Lang's signature. The work builds, demanding our attention, then dissolves, as if continuing its exhortations just out of our auditory reach.

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.

Bradley Hills Presents:

Filament

April 6, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

Elena Kauffman
(viola da gamba)

Evan Few
(violin)

John Walthausen
(organ & harpsichord)

visit bradleyhillschurch.org or scan for tickets >



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

**Evan Few (violin), Elena Kauffman (viola da gamba),
& John Walthausen (organ and harpsichord)**

Philadelphia-based early music ensemble, Filament, performs music of the Baroque with “fervor and delight that make early music seem current and joyful” (Broad Street Review). In this new program, Filament explores the fantasies of the 17th century to Bach’s iconic Schübler Chorales. Filament recasts Bach’s original settings of these famous chorales, finding new colors and textures in the interplay of violin, viola da gamba, and historical keyboards—following in the footsteps of one of music’s most avid arrangers: Bach himself.

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
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Realm Giving



Access the **Bradley Hills Giving Page**

www.bradleyhillchurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note From Stewardship

Giving back is one of the greatest lessons we can teach our children: that the world is not all about them and that, through our actions, people will discover the kind of person we truly are.

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

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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.

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.

Join Us for

Holy Week

2024

3/24

Palm Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab
Waving of the Palm Branches
In-Person & Online | Matthew 21:1-11

7:30pm Maundy Thursday

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab
Hymn Sing & Prayer Service
In-Person in the Sanctuary & Online

3/28

3/29

Good Friday 12:00 & 7:30pm

12pm: In-Person in the Sanctuary
Reading the Last Words of Christ
7:30pm: In-Person & Online
Chancel Choir Led Worship

9:15 & 11:15am Easter Sunday

Preaching: Pastor David Gray
Brass Ensemble & Chancel Choir
Identical Services | Preludes at 9 & 11am
Matthew 28 | Chancel Players
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30am | Labyrinth
Easter Coffee Hour after each service

3/31