

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

PALM
Sunday



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

March 24, 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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor Denise Diaab

CARILION PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

No. 11 from Eleven Chorale Preludes, Op. 122

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ella Scott

One: In joy, we gather this day.

All: Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.

One: In remembrance, we gather this day.

All: Hosanna to the Son of David.

One: In festive celebration and quiet reflection, we gather to worship and pray.

All: Hosanna to the Son of God.

*HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

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.

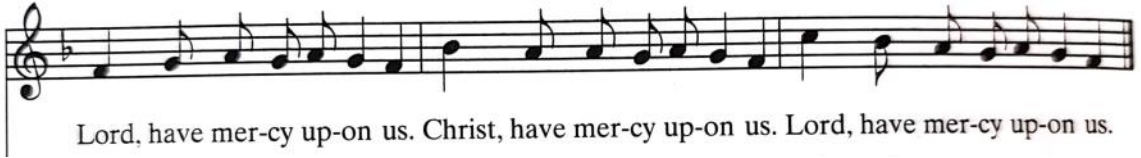
PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

David Gray

Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer. Uncover the masks that obscure our vision and keep us from facing our true selves. Hold us close in our weakness, that we may find the courage to lean on your grace and rest in your forgiveness. Bless us with humility, love, and mercy, that we may be merciful, humble, and loving to everyone we meet, even ourselves. Amen.

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.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

St. Drostan

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

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

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

St. Drostan

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus!

arr. Robert Fountain

*Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus! Ride! Ride, conquering King,
I wanna go to heaven in the morning.*

If you see my sister, Oh, yes! Just tell her for me, Oh, yes!

I'm gonna ride my horse on the battlefield, I wanna go to heaven in the morning.

Refrain.

If you see my brother, Oh, yes! Just tell him for me, Oh, yes!

I'm gonna ride my horse on the battlefield, I wanna go to heaven in the morning.

Refrain.

If you see my mother, Oh, yes! Just tell her for me, Oh, yes!

I'm gonna ride my horse on the battlefield, I wanna go to heaven in the morning.

Refrain.

SERMON

Denise Diaab

HYMN 94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with [humankind]. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, [humankind], and the world. Therefore, the church calls [humankind] to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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

O vos ómnes

Blake Henson

O vos ómnes qui transítis per víam,
atténdite et vidéte:
Si est dólor símilis dólor méus.

*O all you who walk by on the road,
pay attention and see:
if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.*

*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

*HYMN 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Seated.

SENDING MUSIC

Fugue in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Easter Sunday

IDENTICAL SERVICES AT

9:15AM & 11:15AM

Preludes at 9 & 11 AM

Brass Ensemble & Chancel Choir

Pastor David | Matthew 27 & 28

EGG HUNT AT 10:30 AM

with Family Worship in the LABYRINTH

EASTER COFFEE HOUR

**after each service in
MEMORIAL HALL**



More on Easter Sunday!

No Adult Education on Easter Sunday!

We invite you to attend the **Easter services at 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.** Look for more details about the **upcoming Adult Education sessions** and the Zoom link in the weekly emails, on our website, and in the bulletins. Recordings of the Adult Education sessions can be found on the [Bradley Hills YouTube Channel](#) @bradleyhillspresbyterianch6885.



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

Preview of Holy Week:

GOOD FRIDAY

**March 29, 2024
12pm & 7:30pm**

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

7:30pm | In-Person & Online
Experience the depth of
Good Friday's power with the

Bradley Hills Chancel Choir, the Orchestra of the Hills, and
soloists performing John Rutter's transcendent *Requiem*.

Maundy *Thursday*

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

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



Bradley Hills Presents: Filament

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. **Tickets are \$40/adult, \$30/student, and \$15/child under 15 years old.**

Music Note

O Vos Omnes is written by the American composer **Blake R. Henson**. The text quotes but one verse from the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah (1:2). It expresses profound sorrow felt among all who pass along the way, in the Christian sense, the Way of the Cross of Calvary.

Worship Note

Call to Worship and Prayer of Adoration & Confession were written by Mary J. Scifres, which appeared in “The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024” issue of *Abingdon Worship Annual*.

3rd Grade Bible Workshop | April 7 & 14 at 9:15 a.m.

Attention 3rd Graders (and any 4th & 5th graders who have not participated in the past)! Please join us in our Bible Workshop! The Bible Workshop is a Bradley Hills tradition where Steve Burns, a long-time member and Sunday School teacher, offers a two-week introduction to the Bible for children and their parents. The workshop runs for two weeks: **Sunday, April 7** and **Sunday, April 14** from **9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in Room 303**.



In addition to helping children connect the Bible to the foundations of our faith, we will give some practical hints on how to use and explore the Bible.



Steve Burns is a delight for families to work with. Kids and parents alike always leave his workshop with a smile on their faces! **Please let Steve and Rosanna Howard know by registering on Realm (scan the QR code) if you and your child plan to attend the workshop.** We recognize that conflicts may make attendance at both sessions difficult, but we encourage you to come to both sessions.

After the Bible Workshop, we will present 3rd graders with their very own Bible on **Sunday, April 14 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.**



**A Concert to benefit
BETHESDA HELP**

**April 14, 2024
2:00 p.m.**

Artists:
*Tempo Giusto Ensemble
Jinan Laurenta Woo, violin
Andrea Vercoe, concertmaster*

Music by:

- *Felix Mendelssohn*
- *F. J. Haydn*
- *J. S. Bach*
- *Benjamin Britten*



Tempo Giusto Ensemble Presents: Music for Food Concert

All are welcome to attend a concert by the *Tempo Giusto Ensemble* to benefit **Bethesda Help**. This concert will be held at BHPC in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. The program will consist of symphony and concerto music by Felix Mendelssohn, F. J. Haydn, J. S. Bach, & Benjamin Britten.

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Peggy Hartman whose Aunt Myrtle died on March 21 (Myrtle turned 100 earlier this year).

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations:

- Welcoming new members Hananiel (Han) Setiawan and Raisa Orleans & Jeff Vanderslice with their sons Luka, Kai, and Reid.

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.
- Chris Godshall (nephew of Charles Brodine), Chris' family, and the Brodine family as Chris enters hospice care.
- Joanie Friend who is having knee surgery on March 26.
- Charles Brodine who is having severe back pain, which is affecting his mobility.
- 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).

One Great Hour of Sharing

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

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.

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

We are grateful for all the opportunities to serve that our church provides. From the first Greeters we see on a Sunday morning to Elders, Deacons, and Lay Ministry members sharing their time and talent at evening meetings, the day is filled with dedicated members, growing in spirit through their service.

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.

No Bible Study Bible Study will resume next week on April 3. Join the pastors in discussing upcoming scripture--participants and listeners welcome!

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.

Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
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Coordinator for Spiritual Life	Gail Brown	polserbrown@hotmail.com
Nursery School Director	Liz Sobrino	lsobrino@bhpcns.org
Friends Club Director	Ken Silverstein	ken@friendsclubbethesda.org

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), Kaylin 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.

Flower Dedication

Today's flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of our father, Mike Zahraie, our aunt, Shirley Jones, and our grandparents, Robert & Eileen Elliott, Paul & Shirley Jones, and Mahin Zahraie, by Kathleen Elliott & Cyrus Zahraie, as well as in memory of Barbara Munson by Amanda Franklin-Munson

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

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

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:

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

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

Hymn Sing & Communion

In-Person in the Sanctuary & Online

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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

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