

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

March 3, 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.

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | 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 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

Prière a Notre Dame; *from Suite Gothique, Op. 25, No. 3*

Leon Boëllmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: O come let us worship the Lord.

All: Let us kneel in spirit before God, our maker.

One: The Spirit is with us.

All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*HYMN 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

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.

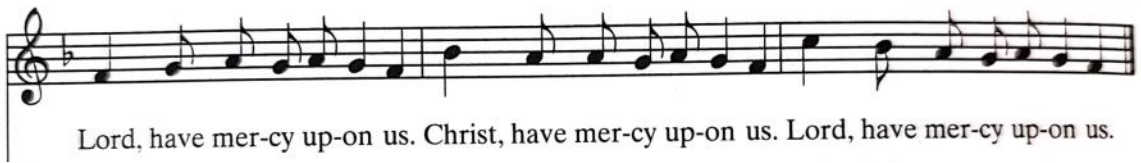
PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We too often commit ourselves to things that will not last.

We worship things that will not bring salvation. Still you offer us the gift of living water. You offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, 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

Temp. Director of Education Rosanna Howard

Fish Boxes: One Great Hour of Sharing

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!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN 504**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*Union Seminary***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****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**Tantum Ergo; *Op. 10, Nr. 4 Quatre motets*

John Stainer

*Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensum defectui.*

Therefore so great a Sacrament
Let us fall down and worship,
And let the old law
Give way to a new rite,
And let faith stand forward
To make good the defects of sense.

*Genitori Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio.
Amen.*

To the Father and the Son
Be praise and joy,
Health, honour and virtue
And blessing,
And to him proceeding from both
Be equal praise.
Amen.

***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 FAITH - SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

One: The gifts of God given for all.

All: For all.

***SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Marie Marquis, *soprano*

O taste and see
how grateful the Lord is:
blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Said in unison.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - 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 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A promotional poster for a 'Youth Led PANCAKE LUNCH' event. The background is a light yellow grid pattern. At the top, the words 'Youth Led' are written in a playful, orange, rounded font. Below this, 'PANCAKE LUNCH' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters with a black outline. Underneath, the date '3 MAR 2024' is displayed in white text inside an orange rounded rectangle. The event time and location, '11:30 a.m. | Memorial Hall', are written in bold black text. Below that, the text 'Help the Youth go on their summer trips to Massanetta & Montreat!' is written in a mix of brown and black. The next line says 'Enjoy fellowship and pancakes and' in black, followed by 'show your gratitude by donating!' in black with a red underline. At the bottom, there is a cartoon illustration of a stack of three pancakes with a pat of butter melting on top, and a face with large eyes and a small mouth, giving it a character-like appearance. The illustration is set against a dark orange circular base.

Preview of March 10

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | From Matthew 4 | Baptism | Chancel Players
8:30 a.m. Worship in Covenant Hall | **10:30 a.m. Worship** in the Sanctuary & online

Adult Education

March 10 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: *Identifying, Addressing, and Healing Collective Trauma Experience by Church Congregations*

Reverend Doctor Len Hedges-Goettl will present *Identifying, addressing and healing collective trauma experience by church congregations*. The pandemic alone presented significant trauma to congregations and there are many events that occur that can disrupt functional behavior among members and clergy. This conversation seeks an understanding of the components of trauma, triggers for dysfunctional interactions among all generations of members, and the role of curiosity, emotional temperature and grace in the healing process. Issues of forgiveness will also be discussed. Reverend Doctor Len Hedges-Goettl is a retired psychologist and Presbyterian minister with expertise in trauma and abuse and recent work as a consultant with churches struggling with the aftermath of trauma.

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.



Daylight Savings Time | March 10

Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour as we jump into sunnier days ahead this Spring!



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.

Get Connected | Explore Membership

With Pastor David

Sunday,	11:45 AM
March 10	Library

Lunch & Childcare will be provided! Zoom option also available.

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Pastor David is available to meet with individuals interested
in connecting more at BHPC or exploring membership.

New Members Received Next: March 17

Questions? Contact Pastor David at
david@bradleyhillchurch.org

Music Note

English-born composer and collector of folksongs, Ralph Vaughan Williams was never directly associated with any cathedral or collegiate choir, but his prolific output includes a fair amount of church music. *O Taste and See*, one of the last of his sacred pieces, was written for the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The music is of distilled simplicity, with a pentatonic flavor that reminds one of the composer's life-long interest in folksong.



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.



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

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:

- We join Abby & Neil Imus in celebrating the birth of their grandson, Cameron Alexander Rodriguez, on February 13; parents, Lindsey & Nick Rodriguez, and big sister Ella are all well.
- We welcome Matthew Robertson back from family leave.
- With gratitude to Rebekah Liu and Paul Martin for their leadership and to all who participated in preparing hygiene kits, school supply bags, and disaster clean up buckets for the Lenten Day of Service last Sunday.

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.
- John Bowis, who is recovering from eye surgery.
- Maria Contreras (Nora Mendez's mother).
- Mary Hickey for health concerns.
- LaVon (Phyllis Sutherland's sister) who is recovering from a 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) whose recovery from head injury is going well.
- Prayers for a nursery school family who is facing a challenging health concern.
- 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, Gaza, 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

We are thankful for the welcoming nature of our members. We all support each other and are grateful for the chance to be a part of such a wonderful community.

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.

Cherub Choir | First Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Open to children in **ages 3 to 7**, the Cherub Choir learns to, sing, dance, and make 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)		

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.

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 10 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Matthew 4 | Baptism | Chancel Players

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. | *Identical Services*

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

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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