

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

Christ is  
Risen.

He is  
Risen  
Indeed.

*Easter Sunday*



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2024

9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

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

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | [david@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

### CARILLON PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING MUSIC

Overture to Egmont, *Op. 84*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Contrapunctus IX

Johann Sebastian Bach

Adagietto *from Symphony No. 5*

Gustav Mahler

The Firebird Suite, *Finale*

Igor Stravinsky

### PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.

**All: For Easter Day is here!**

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

**All: For Easter Day is here!**

One: We hear a voice tell us not to be afraid, and we know our risen Lord is with us now, and calling us ahead.

**All: Easter Day is here! Let us worship the God of love and life. For Jesus Christ is risen today!**

### \*HYMN 123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*Easter Hymn*

1) Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3) But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4) Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

## PRAISING

*Said in unison.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Jong Lee (at 9:15 a.m.)

God of grace, you cause the sun to rise and chase away the shadows of death. Now we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. As we celebrate this triumph may we also make it the model for our living. Help us to leave behind that in our lives which should rightly die: the pain that traps us, the anxious uncertainty that confines us, the tired habits that slow us, the fruitless longings that lead us astray. Resurrect in our lives faith, hope, and love as surely as you raised Jesus Christ from the grave. We believe the good news. 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.*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

*Llanfair*

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation, join to say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

## EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Temp. Director of Christian Education Rosanna Howard

*Following the Children's Message, all children are invited to remain with their families for the entire Easter worship. Children's bulletins and activity sheets are available in the Narthex. In addition, we will have space and materials for our young congregants in Covenant Hall and the Gathering Space for parents to stay with their children during any part of the worship service. Worship will be streaming on the TV in the Gathering Space. Church school for ages 3 - 5th grade will resume next Sunday.*

### REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!  
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 27:55-61

**ANTHEM**

Greater love hath

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.  
Greater love hath no one than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,  
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.  
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,  
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Ye are the chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;  
that ye should show forth the praises of him  
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,  
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 28:1-10

Chancel Players Frank Randall & Tracy Rankin

**SERMON**

*Running on Empty*

Pastor David Gray

**\*HYMN 108**

Christ is Alive!

*Truro*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.  
Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time.  
Not throned afar, remotely high, Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.  
In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives where even hope has died.  
Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring, with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN PRAYER - EASTER PRAYER

*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.

## 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

All shall be Amen and Alleluia

James Whitbourn

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

We shall rest and we shall see,  
We shall see and we shall know,  
We shall know and we shall love,  
We shall love and we shall praise.  
Behold our end which is no end.

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

## \*SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Said in unison.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

God of creation, today you have renewed your world, and refreshed our lives. We are grateful. Receive now the gifts from our lives; the gifts of our lives. Use us to resurrect the world. For thine is the glory. Amen.

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**\*HYMN 139**

Thine is the Glory

*Judas Maccabeus*

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone way,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*Seated.*

**SENDING MUSIC**

The Great Gate of Kiev, *from Pictures at an Exhibition*

Modest Musorgsky  
arr. Richard Webster

*This arrangement was commissioned by the Donald Sinclair Sutherland Music  
Endowment of Bradley Hills Church in 2018.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE & JOY OF CHRIST**



# Happy Easter

From BHPC

Join Us for Worship on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



The Deacons invite you to Memorial Hall after both Easter services today!

fellowship | coffee | blessings | sweets

**ANNUAL**  
*Easter*

**EGG HUNT TODAY**

**10:30am at the**

**LABYRINTH**



You're Invited  
to Get Involved at BHPC!



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MAY

Interfaith Family Fun Day | 5:00 p.m.

An **interfaith family-friendly, outdoor event** organized by BHPC, BJC, & MIIC on the church grounds. Come for games, arts and crafts, face painting, food trucks, and **FREE ice cream!**

12  
MAY

Mother's Day Tea | 9:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Children are invited to **Memorial Hall** to participate in **making a craft and a snack for their moms**. At 10:00 a.m. moms will join their children for tea!

19-22  
AUG

Vacation Bible School | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**All children ages 4 to 5th grade** (as of 9/1/24) are invited to join us for games, stories, crafts, outdoor recreation, and more! More details to come!

## Preview of Sunday, April 7:

Worship | 8:30 a.m. in-person & 10:30 a.m. in-person and online

Join us next week as we continue the celebration of Eastertide.

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

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | **Doubt**

Adult Education | 9:15 a.m. in the Library & on Zoom

Topic: *John Solomon Collins: Preview of Upcoming Music*

**John Solomon Collins**, Sutherland Endowment Choral Scholar for the 2023-2024 program year, will be presenting a recital on April 21st following worship. In this Adult Education session, he will introduce himself and preview three of the pieces that he will be performing. We will learn about one piece from each song cycle, talk through the text and its background to provide a deeper understanding and the rationale for its choice. We will also learn more about the poets and composers, painting a fuller picture of the full recital program.

Church School | 10:45 a.m. on the Upper Level Classrooms

Church School is a vibrant place for our little ones from **age 3 to 5th grade** to learn, play, and explore through God **during the 10:30 a.m. worship** service. Children are invited to attend after the Children's Message and then are escorted to the upper level classrooms.

Our current Church School classes are **Club 3-4-5** (3rd-5th grade), **Godly Play for 1st-2nd grade**, and **Godly Play for age 3 to Kindergarten**.

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## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Ray Killen (Jennifer Kline's brother-in-law) who died this week.
- The families of the construction workers who were killed during bridge collapse in Baltimore.

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

**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.
- Delaney (granddaughter of Janet Williams) who is having open-heart surgery on April 2.
- Chris Godshall (nephew of Charles Brodine), who is under hospice care.
- Joanie Friend who is recovering from knee surgery on March 26.
- 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@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:denise@bradleyhillschurch.org)).

# BIBLE WORKSHOP

**EXPLORING THE BIBLE FOR 3RD GRADERS**

**APRIL 7 & 14 AT 9:15AM | ROOM 303**

- LED BY STEVE BURNS
- PARENTS & KIDS LEARN TOGETHER
- BIBLES FOR PARTICIPATING KIDS



**SCAN TO REGISTER**



## 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.

# 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

### **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

## Mission & Service

**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.

## **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.

## Adult Education: Upcoming Sessions

April 7 | *John Solomon Collins: Preview of Upcoming Music*

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April 14 | *Building on Climate Progress in the Face of Mounting Challenge*

Long-time Bradley Hills member **Bob Deans** is Director of Strategic Engagement for the National Resources Defense Council, an environmental advocacy group with more than 3 million supporters nationwide. Over the past three years, the United States has taken its strongest climate action ever, positioning the country to cut greenhouse gas emissions 42% below 2005 levels by 2030. With greater federal, state, and corporate ambition, we can cut those emissions in half by then, as the science says we must to avert catastrophic climate change. At the same time, we just wrapped up the hottest year on record. Dangerous heat waves put two-thirds of the country at risk. Drought dropped the Mississippi River to its lowest level ever measured. And wildfires burned enough land across Canada to cover the state of Oklahoma. With a crisis this urgent, and the job not yet done, what's at stake in the months ahead as voters assess questions of national leadership, and how do we raise our voices to appeal for progress and change?

April 21 | *Saving the Planet with Resources from Space*

Long-time Bradley Hills member, and recent space traveler, **Clint Kelly** will be providing exciting details about saving the planet with resources from space. The environmental consequences associated with extraction and processing will limit the transition to solar and wind power from fossil fuels. In the meantime, electricity is needed to reduce poverty in less developed economies and slow population growth. But there is a place where the sun always shines and where baseload energy could be taken and made available to raise the quality of life in these less developed areas such as sub-Saharan Africa.

April 28 | *Equal Creation, Equal Rights: The 100 Year Struggle for Constitutional Equality in the U.S.*

Bradley Hills member Allyson McKinney Timm, founder of Justice Revival and an expert on the front lines of the ERA movement, will explain about why this reform matters more than ever today—for women and LGBTQ+ citizens. If we are all equal in dignity and worth before our Creator, do we not also deserve equal respect under the law? The Equal Rights Amendment would make this vision a reality by enshrining gender equality in the U.S. Constitution. The ERA is closer than ever to being rightfully recognized as the 28th Amendment, and people of faith have a critical opportunity to help get it over the finish line—securing equality for generations of Americans to come.

Preview of May 5 | *Brian Ellison of the Covenant Network*

Preview of May 12 | Jean Dudek on her New Book, "The Scent of Bright Light"  
Adult Ed will hear about and discuss BHPCC community member Jean Dudek's new book, *The Scent of Bright Light*. It's historical fiction, retelling the biblical story of Sarah, Abraham, and Hagar (Genesis 12-23).

Bradley Hills Presents:

# Filament



April 6, 2024  
7:30 p.m.

visit [bradleyhillchurch.org](http://bradleyhillchurch.org)  
or scan the QR Code for tickets



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). 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.**



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.



*The Easter Flowers are given  
to the Glory of God by...*

Susan Bowis to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones at Bradley Hills  
& Maplewood Park Place.

Sarah & Dan Brady in honor of Wilma Brady.

Terry & Kathy Brady in memory of Emily.

Kim Brinkman in memory of her parents, Harold & Janet Brinkman.

Andrew Brodeur & Leslie Morrison in loving memory of Sherri Brodeur.

Gail & George Brown in memory of loved ones.

Barbara & John Buchman in memory of Marion Lewis.

Penny Clark in loving memory of her parents, Elton & Pauline Clark.

Denise Diaab in loving memory of her mother, Mary Moore.

Bill Edelblut in memory of his mother and father.

Kathleen Elliott & Cyrus Zaharie in memory of our father, Mike Zaharie, our aunt,  
Shirley Jones, and Mahin Zaharie.

Cindy Geer in loving memory of her husband, Ira Geer.

David & Bridget Gray in gratitude to God for our BHPC family.

James & Karin Harrison to the glory of God.

Bonnie Holcomb in loving memory of Velma Holcomb & Ralph H. Holcomb.  
Christ has Risen Indeed!

Carl & Joyce Hunt in memory of friends and family.

Jami Kempf in loving memory of Lillian "Lilly" Vasi, Sharon Kempf, Nicole Kempf,  
Rebecca Vasi, and Corporal Nicholas Manoukian.

Emily Lane in memory of her parents, Fred & Ann Whisenhunt.

Betty Lee in memory of loved ones.

Carrie, Arthur, Joseph, & William Milleson in memory of Joshua Ekrem.

The Morrison Family in loving memory of Dick & Jean Morrison.

LaDawn Naegle in loving memory of Proctor Reid.

Norma Parker in memory of her parents.

Tracy Rankin in memory of Timothy Quick.

Shizuko & Yoshi Sei in memory of loved ones and the Krieks.

Una Song in memory of her father, Yo Taik Song.

Susan & Tim Vanderver for the glory of God.

BHPC Member in gratitude for the mission of Deacons.

The Board of Deacons in thanksgiving for the Deacon ministry.

*Flowers can be taken home after the 11:15 a.m. service.*

## Smart Sacks | A Family-Friendly Serving Opportunity

Smart Sacks is a family-friendly serving opportunity that occurs right **after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Lounge, starting again on April 7**, to pack sacks of food for families in Montgomery County Public Schools who are food insecure.

### **We Need Volunteers—No Experience Required!**

- **Help us Set Up on Sunday mornings:** We need volunteers to help set up the Smart Sack stations before the assembly. Volunteers will need to be able to do some lifting in order to help with set up.
- **Help us Pack and Assemble the Smart Sacks:** An opportunity for the whole family! Join us immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to pack and assemble the sacks that will go to the families for the following weekend.
- **Help us Deliver assembled Smart Sacks:** We need volunteers to deliver food **during the week** to designated public schools. Volunteers who would like to deliver will also need to be able to do some lifting as well.
- **Set Up & Delivery** are about 1.5 hour commitments and volunteers are scheduled approximately once a month.

*Interested in joining the Smart Sacks Team? Contact Elaine Henderson or Jim Kettler during the Smart Sacks assembly time after the 10:30 a.m. worship.*

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## Youth & Family Activities!

Earth Day Family Connections & Project | Sunday, April 21 at 11:30 a.m.  
Families are invited to **participate in the Earth Day Family Connections gathering** where parents and children will **work together on a special Earth Day project!**

High School Mission Trip | June 16 - 21 in Virginia

**Youth** are invited to come with us on the mission trip to Virginia to **help those in need, grow in fellowship, and learn about God.**

If you are interested in participating in the Youth Mission Trip, please contact Pastor David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org. You do not need to have a child in youth to come on the trip!

Summer Youth Trips | July 2024

Join us on our trips to **Montreat & Massanetta** this summer! **Rising 6th - 8th Graders** are invited to join us on our trip to Massanetta in Harrisonburg, VA. **Rising 9th - Graduated 12th Graders** are welcome to come on our yearly trip to Montreat in Montreat, NC.

## Life at Bradley Hills

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.

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## Ways to Give at BHPC

### Cash or Check Giving



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Bethesda, MD 20817

### Text Giving



Text "BHPC"  
to 73256

### Mobile Giving



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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

On Easter, this most joyful day for Christians, we celebrate resurrection and new life. We also celebrate all your gifts to Bradley Hills, which make today's joyful services and special music possible. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

## Music Note

John Ireland was born in 1879 at Altrincham into a family with strong literary interests and he grew up with a love of English poetry. His life was plagued by melancholy, insecurity and feelings of inadequacy. He was left spiritually homeless by the early death of his parents and he entered the RCM at the age of 14 to study organ and piano but when the opportunity arose to become a pupil of the revered Stanford in 1897, he switched to composition. Ireland was one of a remarkable generation of composers to emerge from the newly-established Royal College of Music at the end of the nineteenth century (Others included Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, and Frank Bridge).

Ireland's living was initially made as an organist and choirmaster, first at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, and later at St. Luke's Chelsea. In 1923 he became a teacher of composition at the RCM. Amongst his pupils was Benjamin Britten, who gave up on Ireland after a year, branding him as "drunk, absent, or hung-over" during tutorials.

His output is small but it covers a period of more than 50 years, and includes solo songs, church music, chamber music, orchestral music, a piano concerto, and a colourful film score. His style has been likened to a form of British Impressionism, based on the French and Russian models of Debussy, Ravel, and early Stravinsky, rather than the folk-based, more nationalistic style of his British contemporaries.

A man of introspection, few friendships, and a disastrous, and eventually annulled, marriage, he did collect a degree from Durham, an FRCO, an honorary doctorate (also from Durham), and honorary degrees from the RAM and the RCM. In 1940 his retirement to Guernsey was disrupted by German occupation, and he died in West Sussex in 1962.

The anthem *Greater Love*, written in 1912 for choir and organ, is one of John Ireland's best-known and most affecting works. The text is assembled from various parts of the Bible including the Song of Solomon, St. John's Gospel, and various letters of SS. Peter and Paul. The work encompasses many moods, and has a well-defined structure, passing through a variety of keys, modds, and tempi beginning slowly with the reflection that 'many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.' The firm assertion that 'love is strong as death; greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' is followed by narrative solo passages. The anthem ends quietly with an exhortation towards noble self-sacrifice. Despite its date of composition which pre-dates the 1914-18 war, 'Greater Love' is often presumed to be a response to that terrible conflict: it has remained a core part of the English Church Music repertoire ever since it was composed and understandably it is regularly sung at Armistice Day commemorations.

*-Nantwich Choral Society*

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The BHPC Office will be CLOSED on Monday, April 1.

Regular office hours will begin again on Tuesday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Worship Schedule: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

April 7

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | “Doubt” | Communion

April 14

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab | 3rd Grade Bible Presentation | Baptism

**After Worship:** Music for Food Concert at 2:00 p.m.

April 21 | Creation Care Sunday

**8:30am: Blessing of the Animals at the Labyrinth**

**10:30am:** Pastor David Gray

**After Worship:** Spring Fling

April 28 | Youth Sunday

May 5 | Legacy Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Luke 24 | Communion

**8:30am Worship** Outside at the Cross

**After Worship:** New Member Class | Interfaith Family Fun Day at 5:00 p.m.

May 12

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab

**8:30am Worship** Outside at the Cross

**After Worship:** New Member Class

May 19 | Pentecost Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | New Members Join

**8:30am Worship** Outside at the Cross

May 26 | Trinity Sunday | One service at 10:00 a.m.

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

June 2 | One Service at 10:00 a.m.

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Communion

**After Worship:** All Church BBQ