

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

Youth Sunday



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

April 28, 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, April 28, May 5 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

Emily Coffey

GATHERING MUSIC

Let It Go

Kristen Anderson Lopez & Robert Lopez
Wyatt Whisenhunt, *piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Butterfly Song

Brian Howard

Alleluia Singers & Cherub Choir

If I were a butterfly I'd thank You, Lord, for giving me wings,
And if I were a robin in a tree I'd thank You, Lord, that I could sing,
And if I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,
But I just thank You, Father, for making me me.

*Refrain: 'Cause You gave me a heart and You gave me a smile,
You gave me Jesus, and You made me Your child,
And I just thank You, Father, for making me me.*

If I were an elephant, I'd thank You, Lord, by raising my trunk,
And if I were a kangaroo, I'd just hop right up to You,
And if I were an octopus, I'd thank You, Lord, for my good looks,
But I just thank You, Father, for making me me. *Refrain.*

If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank You, Lord, that I could squirm,
And if I were a crocodile, I'd thank You, Lord, for my big smile,
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear, I'd thank You, Lord, for my fuzzy wuzzy hair,
But I just thank You, Father, for making me me! *Refrain.*

*HYMN 104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Raquel Cochrane,
David Gray & Rosanna Howard

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

CONFESSING & PRAISING

Said in unison.

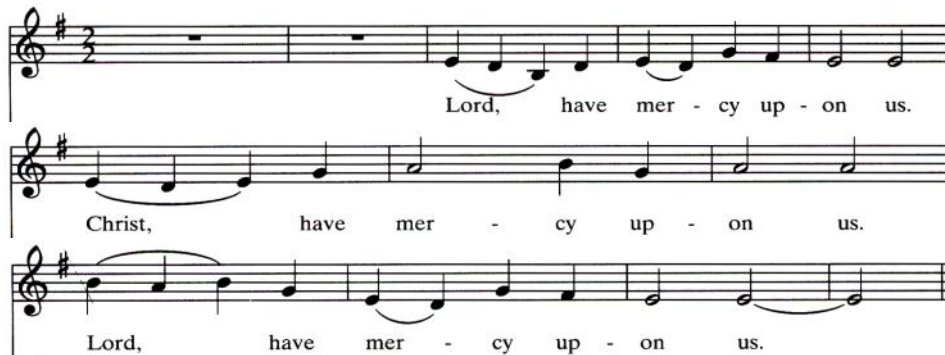
PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Daniella Enguene

Loving God, in this space, we sense the unifying power of love, but we confess that much separates us from that love and from each other. Despite our best efforts, we grow disconnected and distant from each other. We become like branches, no longer held to the vine and ceasing to bear fruit. Weave our hearts and minds together in community with the same love that the vinegrower bestows upon his fields. Help us to create loving communities through our service and compassion, and cling to us, as a vine, when we begin to disengage...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE 574



One: We Pray

All: Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

William Bruton

One: We rest in God's grace as we seek to connect and create community.
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.

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

Mackenzie Owens, Noemi Kang, Eloise Scribner,
Cam Gray, Quinn Scribner

There is no church school today! Children are invited to return to the pews with their parents for the remainder of the service.

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!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Simone Kang

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Every Morning's Sun

Sue Ellen Page

Bradley Hills Lantern Chorale

Every morning's sun follows every evening's night,
and every day I know that it will come.
Every day of the year I know it will appear,
even though the clouds may hide it some.

Every springtime's bloom follows every winter's cold,
and every year I know that it will come.
All the trees and flow'rs need sunshine and show'rs,
and every year they get rain and sun.

Everywhere I look I see the work of God,
and everywhere all nature calls His name!
Everywhere I go in sunshine, wind, or snow,
I know that He will always be the same.

REFLECTIONS

Will Kauffunger, Andrew Gray,
Benjamin Scribner, James Eliason

*HYMN 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The congregation may be seated. Said in unison.

RESPONSE IN FAITH - AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rosie Kauffunger

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS - CALL FOR OFFERING

Brendan Gray & Julia Anderson

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

Lux Prima, Come My Soul, Thou Must Be Awakening

Frank Joseph Haydn

Lily Bello & Cameron Gray, *clarinet duet*

*SUNG OFFERING 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.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Ellie Gray

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 302

I Danced in the Morning

Simple Gifts

*CHARGE

BHPC Youth

*BENEDICTION

Will Kauffman

SENDING MUSIC

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

Nickolas Ashford & Valeria Simpson

Wyatt Whisenhunt, *piano*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

James Eliason



Get Connected | Explore Membership
With Pastor David
Sunday, April 28 | 11:45 AM; Library
Childcare and lunch provided! Zoom option also available.
Can't make today's class? Next classes are May 5 & May 12.
New Members Received Next: May 19
Questions? Contact Pastor David at
david@bradleyhillschurch.org

The banner features a light orange background with several colorful speech bubbles in shades of teal, pink, and yellow. Each bubble contains a simple, smiling face. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. The date 'May 19' is underlined.

Preview of May 5 | Legacy Sunday

8:30 a.m. **Worship** *Outside at the Cross* | Covenant Hall if rainy

10:30 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary & online

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Luke 24 | Communion

Adult Education

May 5 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: *How Welcoming Are We?*

Reverend Brian Ellison, executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians since 2012, will lead us to looking at “How Welcoming Are We?” Seizing on BHPC’s existing commitments and spirit, we’ll explore where God is calling each of us. This class will feature honest talk and practical help building a congregation that is truly inclusive, deepening its welcome of LGBTQIA+ and all people. We’ll discuss the history of the Presbyterian church’s journey on these issues, the current state of the church, and the theological foundation for welcome and affirmation. The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is a national organization of which Bradley Hills is a long-time member, which seeks full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in every aspect of the church’s life and leadership.

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

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.

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

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.



Interfaith Family Fun Day | May 5, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join us for our **family-friendly outdoor fun day** organized by BHPC, BJC, and MIIC on the church grounds. Come for **games, arts and crafts, face painting, food trucks, and FREE ice cream!** It's a fun way to try out new foods and meet our Jewish and Muslim friends who worship in the same building!

12 May 2024

Mother's Day Tea Party

10:00 A.M. IN MEMORIAL HALL



CHILDREN ARE TO MEET IN MEMORIAL HALL AT
9:15 A.M. FOR CRAFTING & SNACK MAKING.

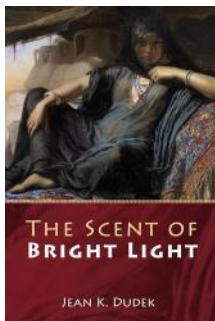
MOMS ARE INVITED TO GO TO THE SPECIAL
MOTHER'S DAY ADULT EDUCATION AND THEN
JOIN THEIR CHILDREN AT 10:00 A.M.
FOR TEA!



We Need Help for the BBQ to Happen!

It's that time of year again! We're looking for a few people to fire up the grill and **help us plan the All Church BBQ on June 2.**

If you're interested in helping to plan this churchwide event, please contact Pastor David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org.



Adult Education Preview: May 12

9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: *The Scent of Bright Light*

We will hear and discuss BHPC 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)**. Sarah tells her story through the lens of her relationship with Hagar, whom she loves and raises like a daughter.

You can purchase Jean's book through Amazon or order a copy directly from the publisher at wipfandstock.com, where you can use **coupon code CONF40** and **save 40%**. Copies will also be available for sale at church. You do not have to read the book to participate in the Adult Education session.

An Inter-Congregational Workshop

HOW TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS ON DIFFICULT TOPICS

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
3-5PM
MEMORIAL HALL
RSVP BY MAY 10



ICPC invites you to an **Inter-Congregational Workshop** on *How to Have Conversations with Friends About Difficult Topics*. The workshop will provide participants with useful tools to navigate our fractured society and will deepen ties among members of the congregations sharing space at 6601. The workshop will be led by Conflict Resolution Experts, Adina Friedman, associated with the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University, and Hakam Takash, Founding Director of Jus Gentium, a counter extremism consultancy. **Participation limited to the first 50 people who sign up.** Those who sign up afterward will be put on a waiting list for a subsequent session. **Questions?** Contact Judy Ozone (judy.l.ozone@gmail.com) or Evelyn Ganzglass (eganzglass@gmail.com)

Interfaith Refugee Family Support Initiative

IRFSI with volunteers from BHPC, BJC, and Muslim partners, furnished 9 apartments with donated or purchased household items starting in October 2021 after Afghanistan fell to the Taliban. We now partner with Homes not Borders (www.homesnotborders.org) to continue to provide a first furnished home for newly arrived refugees from many countries.

Donate Gently Used or New Household Items

We continue to collect **household items** for apartment set ups. If you would like to donate household items, new or in very good condition, email Brigitte Burgett at bkburgett@gmail.com. For **larger furniture donations**, please review the website and contact HNB for pick up: www.homesnotborders.org/donate-items

Volunteer to Set Up Apartments

Home set ups are usually on **Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays**. Ten volunteers are needed per set up, starting at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. and finished between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. **Both adults and youth welcome!** If you are interested in volunteering for home set ups or have any questions, please contact Brigitte Burgett bkburgett@gmail.com. Expressing interest is not a commitment. HNB sends out a sign-up genius link to those interested. If you sign up through the sign-up genius link for a specific day and time we will count on you to show up.



Pictured: Abby & Neil Inus, James Scroggs, Brigitte & Dave Burgett, (Not Pictured: Bob Reutershan), & other HNB volunteers.

BRADLEY HILLS'

YOUTH TRIPS



Massanetta:
(Middle School)
July 9-14

Montreat:
(High School)
July 6-13

**High School
Mission Trip:**
June 16-21

Contact Rosanna Howard for info: rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Jay Milne (father of Andrew Milne) who died on April 23. The Celebration of Life is being held in Missouri on Saturday, April 27.
- The family of Jon Peyer (brother of Bonnie Peyer's husband, Christian) who died in an automobile accident on April 23.
- The family of Stahis Panagides (Joy Panagides' husband) who died on April 20. The Celebration of life service was held in Cyprus on April 24.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- The delightful "bring your pet to church day" for the annual Blessing of the Animals service.
- The wonderful mini-recital by Sutherland Choral Scholar, John Solomon Collins.
- Children's Ministry's family lunch and service project in honor of Earth Day.

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

- Those 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.
- Peg Flowe.
- Eric.
- Arlene Spencer (Jan Spencer's mother-in-law) who had surgery on April 25.
- Those anticipating the birth of a child.
- Judy (Jana Coffey's mother) was released from the hospital and is receiving comfort care.
- Delaney (granddaughter of Janet Williams) whose recovery from open-heart surgery is going well.
- Those seeking healing for broken relationships.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people 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).



Monthly Grief Support Group--Starting May 5

The first meeting of a new ***Grief Support Group*** will take place on Sunday, May 5 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Room 305. This meeting is open to anyone who needs support with the loss of a loved one. For more information, **contact Pastor Denise** at 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

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship--saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family and showing charity toward others. Including Bradley Hills as a beneficiary of your will, insurance policy, retirement plan, or trust is a great way to share lifechanging ministry with future generations. When your estate plan is prepared, include a gift to BHPC. You can find a brochure on Planned Giving in the literature rack in the Narthex. It contains more information on making such gifts.

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**.

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.

Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
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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)		

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 to pack sacks of food for families in Montgomery County Public Schools who are food insecure. **We need volunteers to:**

- **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.

***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.*

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

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 | Mother's Day

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

8:30am Worship Outside at the Cross | **CM's Mother's Day Tea**

After Worship: New Member Class

May 19 | Pentecost Sunday

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Acts 2 | New Member Recognition | **Wear Red**

8:30am Worship Outside at the Cross

May 26 | Summer Worship Begins: 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 | Long-Time Member Recognition

After Worship: Church BBQ

June 9 | One Service at 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

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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