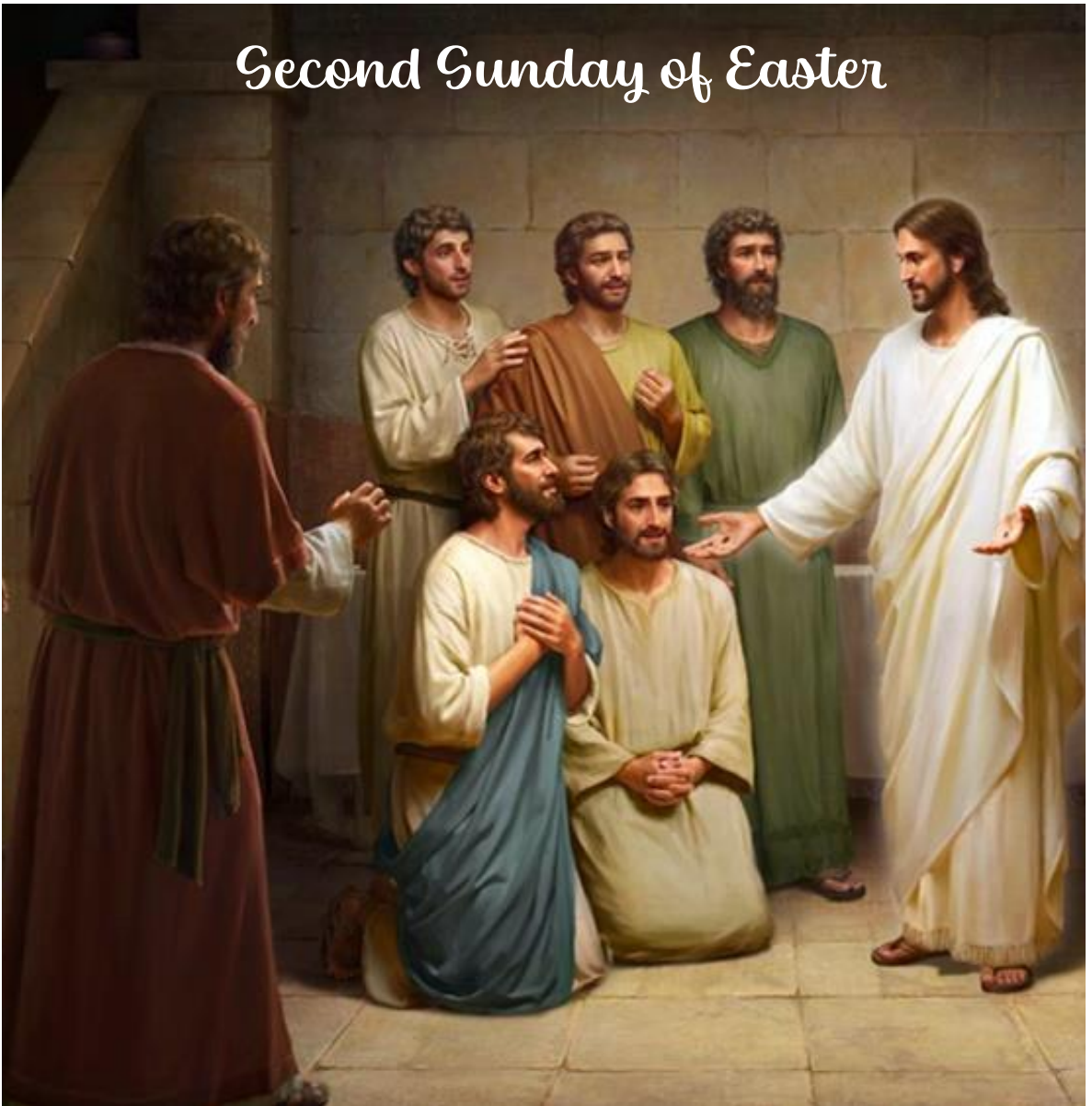


EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

Second Sunday of Easter



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

A Special Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

We hope that the presence of the Holy Spirit and the warmth of Christ's love are gifts to you as we worship God together. **We encourage you to explore our bulletin, fill out a Visitor Card or the red fellowship pad at the end of your pew, and take home a welcome folder found just outside the Sanctuary.**

We are a caring community of friends who come from a variety of backgrounds to seek God in this place. We are united by our faith in Christ, our care and nurture of children and families, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service, and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. Bradley Hills is a safe place to ask the deep questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey.

We seek to be a welcoming witness to the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that diversity in our membership--different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities, races, sexual orientations, ideological and theological beliefs, and experiences--is an important strength. We come from a variety of denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers ages 3 and under in our nursery. All children are welcome to grab an activity board and children's bulletins for the service.

We are a mask optional community. We have masks available just outside the Sanctuary if you would like one.

We hope we have a chance to greet you and get to know you. There are a lot of exciting activities happening at BHPC that we would love for you to be a part of. If we can share any information about the church or be of support to you in any way, just let us know. We invite you to explore our website at www.bradleyhillchurch.org.

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | david@bradleyhillchurch.org

Interested in joining the church? Email David to set up a time to talk.

Get Connected | Explore Membership

BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community. Pastor David will be available after worship or during the week to meet with families or individuals interested in connecting more at BHPC or exploring membership. Just email David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org to set up a time.

New Members will be received next on May 19.

Our next Exploring Membership classes are on Sundays, May 5 & 12 at 11:45 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom. *Childcare and lunch will be provided!* If you are interested in joining the new member class, please contact Pastor David.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Sweet Caroline

Neil Diamond

Stand By Me

Jerry Leiber, Mike Stroller, & Ben King

Wyatt Whisenhunt, *piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord at all times.

All: All praise to God.

One: Our souls proclaim the Lord's love.

All: Let us see that the Lord is good; let us worship God.

*HYMN 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

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!

CONFESSING & PRAISING

Said in unison.

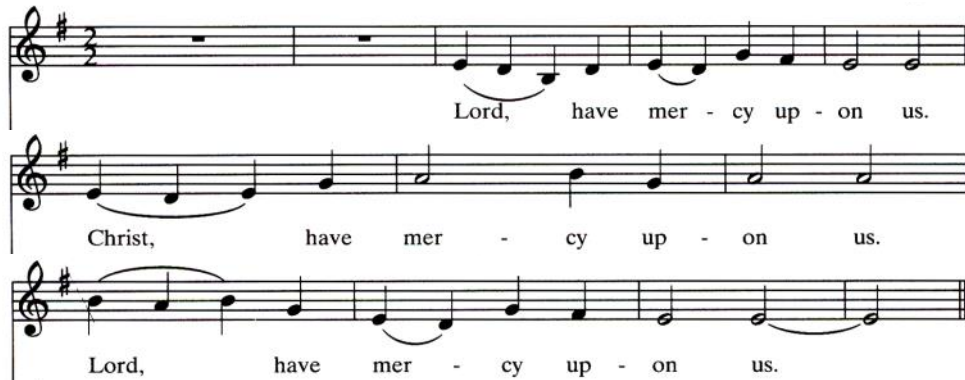
PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Pastor Jong Lee

Loving God, whose faithfulness to us is never broken, we confess that we have failed to fulfill your vision for us. We do not fully love our neighbors, and we run in fear when faced with challenges and hardships. Though you have given yourself to us in Jesus Christ, we have more we must give. Have mercy on us weak and willful people. Draw us with the bands of your Easter love once again, to your table, where we more clearly see that we are one in Christ, the Bread of Life, and the Vine from which we grow, as we pray...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE 574



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

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

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

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 28: 1-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 15-20

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What If I Have Doubts?

David Gray

*HYMN 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

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

Go Not Far From Me, O God

Niccolò Antonio Zingarelli

Go not far from me, far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing Thy glory and honor all day long.

*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.

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

Rise up, my love, my fair one

Healey Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth;

the time of the singing of birds is come; arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

***HYMN 118**

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



One Great Hour of Sharing

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.

Preview of April 14

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab | 3rd Grade Bible Presentations | Baptism

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

Adult Education

April 14 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: *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?

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

Music Note

Healey Willan was born in England in 1880 and his early musical world was that of the Victorian English church, characterized by a fondness for plainsong and conservative harmonies. Although Willan came to Canada in 1913 as Head of Theory at the Toronto Conservatory, he is particularly known for his work as organist-choirmaster at St. Mary Magdalene's in Toronto. His compositional style and approach to choral training remained "British" to the end of his days, characterized by a clear and simple posture: "Music has been my chief delight," he said, "and if at any time I have been able to share this delight with others, I am content." The anthem *Rise up, my love, my fair one* is from his *Three Lady Motets to the Virgin Mary* and is among his most widely performed works. Replete with fluid rhythms, pleasing harmonies, and gentle chant-like melodies, *Rise up* serves as a good representation of his liturgical output.

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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



APRIL 21 AT 8:30AM | LABYRINTH



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



**A Concert to benefit
BETHESDA HELP**

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

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.

Join BHPC Children's Ministry for Earth Day

Family Connection Lunch
and Service Project



Scan the QR code to
register for lunch!

Sunday, April 21
11:30 am-1:30 pm



BRADLEY HILLS'

YOUTH TRIPS

Sign-Ups Open
NOW!!!

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

**Montreat:
(High School)**
July 6-13

**Massanetta:
(Middle School)**
July 9-14

Contact Rosanna Howard
for more info:

rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org



Summer Youth Trip Sign-Ups CLOSE April 15!!!

Scholarships available for all Youth Summer Trips. Families that need scholarships can request them by contacting Rosanna Howard (rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org) or Jan Spencer (jan@bradleyhillschurch.org).

High School Mission Trip:

WHO: Rising 9th Graders - Graduating 12th Graders

WHERE: The Pace Center at VCU in Richmond, VA

WHEN: Sunday, June 16 - Friday, June 21

HOW: Public Transportation down to Richmond

ACCOMMODATIONS: 2nd Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA - bring your sleeping bags and air mattresses! Showers available on site.

COST: Current cost unknown. We are currently using the cost of the previous Mission Trip: \$475.00 as an estimate.

RSVP: Register on Realm (scan the QR Code) and make a \$50 deposit.



Montreat (High School Retreat):

WHO: Rising 8th Graders - Graduating 12th Graders

WHERE: Montreat Conference Center, Presbyterian Retreat Center in North Carolina

WHEN: Saturday, July 6 - Saturday, July 13

HOW: Rental vans driven by chaperones

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotel-style options at Winsborough Inn: private rooms or "Jack-and-Jill" style with adjoining bathrooms. No AC.

COST: \$825.00 per person

RSVP: Register on Realm (scan the QR Code) and make a \$50 deposit.



Massanetta (Middle School Mission & Retreat):

WHO: Rising 6th Graders - Rising 8th Graders

WHERE: Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA

WHEN: Tuesday, July 9 - Sunday, July 14

HOW: Personal vehicles or rented vans driven by chaperones

ACCOMMODATIONS: Suite-style: two rooms with 2-3 twin beds with a shared bathroom.

COST: \$600.00 per person

RSVP: Register on Realm (scan the QR Code) and make a \$50 deposit.



Interfaith Refugee Family Support Initiative

IRFSI volunteers from BHPC provide the immediate need of furnished apartments for newly arrived refugees through **Homes Not Borders (HNB)**--furnishing nine apartments and donating or purchasing needed items since October 2021.

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 and are usually done between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. HNB sends out a [sign-up genius link](#) where individuals can sign up when available.

***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.*



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

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.
- **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.*

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Chris Godshall (Charles Brodine's nephew) who died on April 1.
- The family of Art Canning (Pastor Denise's former husband) who died in an accident on April 2.
- The families of those who died during the 7.4 earthquake in Taiwan on April 3.
- The families of the World Central Kitchen workers who were killed during an airstrike in Gaza on April 1.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations:

- Joyous worship services, a fun-filled egg hunt for children and time of fellowship and delicious food during the coffee hour on Easter.
- With gratitude to Matthew Robertson, the BHPC Chancel Choir, and Orchestra of the Hills for the beautiful and very moving performance of John Rutter's *Requiem* on Good Friday.

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 recovering from open-heart surgery on April 2.
- Hannah McLean who is recovering from surgery.

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

- Those who have lost loved ones or were affected by the storms across the U.S.
- Prayers for the rescue operations and those recovering from the devastation caused by the earthquake in Taiwan on April 3.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.



Reeling In All Fish Boxes!

This is a reminder for our kids and families who participated in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing to bring your fish back. We will be collecting all of our fish and making a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance--the Presbyterian Church's aid to those in the United States hit by disaster.

Thank you all for your participation this year!

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

Our grounds are beautiful this time of year. Thank you for your financial support and for all who volunteer their time and hard work to maintain them.

Get Involved This Week at BHPC

Smart Sacks in the Lounge | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. A **family-friendly mission opportunity** that provides supplemental food to families in Montgomery County who are food deficient over the weekends.

Alleluia Singers & Cherub Choir Rehearsal | Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Open to children **ages 3 to 5th grade**, the choirs will be combined for the rest of the Spring and will make a joyful noise in the Choir Room.

Youth Group | Sundays at 12:00 p.m. Open to youth in **grades 6 to 12**. Come hang out in the youth lounge, play games, build relationships, and experience God.

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

Lantern Chorale Rehearsal | Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. For youth in grades 6 to 12. Come make a joyful noise, work as a team, and learn new and fun things about music.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Do you like to sing? The Chancel Choir sings each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us in the **Sanctuary** for rehearsals.

Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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.

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.

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

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.



Join Us for the Spring Fling! | April 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Time to get out your gloves and gardening tools for BHPC's annual Spring Fling on April 21 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Meet us just outside the Narthex and help keep our grounds looking nice!



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.