EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.





Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church May 12, 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 | <u>david@bradleyhillschurch.org</u>
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.

New Members will be received next on May 19.

Our next Exploring Membership class is on Sunday, May 12 at 11:45 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom. *Childcare 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

GATHERING MUSIC

Adoration Florence Price

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor Denise Diaab

CALL TO WORSHIP Curt West

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy.
One: Beloved, we are God's children now;

All: If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

One: The Lord is good; God's love endures forever.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

*During v. 4 of this hymn, the congregation is invited to substitute the words "loving siblings" for "brother, sister."

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

CONFESSING & PRAISING

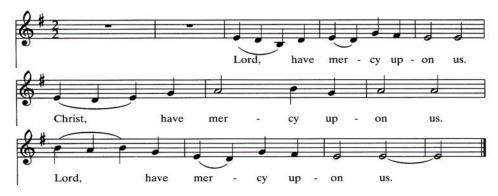
Said in unison.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Loving God, you have often desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and we were not willing! In your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light, abiding in your ways, and honoring the lifegivers for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE 574



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

TDCE Rosanna Howard

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway at their classroom doors.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

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

Exodus 20:12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Heyr þú oss himnum á

Heyr þú oss himnum á, hýr vor faðir, börn þín smá, lukku oss þar til ljá líf eilíft þér erfum hjá, og að þé r aldrei flæmumst frá.

Pitt ríki þró ist hér, það þín stjó rn og kristni er, svo að vé r sem flestir, safnist, Guð, til handa þér, fegin yfir því fögnum vér.

Síst skarta sönglist má, sé þar ekki elskan hjá, syngjum þvíþýtt lof þá, Þér, Guð, drottinn, himnum á, Maður rétt kristinn mun þess gá.

En þegar aumir vér, öndumst burt úr heimi hér, oss tak þá, Guð, að þér, Í þá dýrð, sem aldrei þver. Amen, amen það eflaust sker. Anna Þorvaldsdóttir

Hear us in heaven, loving God, as we, your small children, ask for the fortune to receive eternal life. We shall not stray from your path.

May we help your kingdom to grow here on earth. Following your guidance, we gather around in your name, and gladly celebrate.

We cannot make a joyful song unless we are moved by love. So let us sing our gentle praise to you, Lord God, in heaven, as the truly faithful have done.

When our poor souls pass away from this world, take us God to you, into your everlasting glory.

Amen, amen, may this be done.

SERMON Honor the Life-Givers Denise Diaab

*HYMN 347

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Detroit

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

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. 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Work Melissa Dunphy

Commissioned by the Donald Sinclair Sutherland Endowment for the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church Choir, Matthew Robertson, conductor.

You have been told...that life is darkness, and in your weariness you echo what was said by the weary.

And I say that life is indeed darkness save when there is urge,
And all urge is blind save when there is knowledge.
And all knowledge is vain save when there is work.

And all work is empty save when there is love;

And when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God.

[...] Work is love made visible.

--Adapted from "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran

*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

Response for Concerns: Response for Celebrations:

One: O Lord, One: With thanksgiving,

All: Hear our prayers. All: We praise the Lord.

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 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Magnificat II Toni; Quartus Versus

Matthias Weckmann

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



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With Pastor David

Sunday, May 12 | II:45 AM; Library

Scan QR code to join on Zoom. >

New Members Received Next: May 19



Questions? Contact Pastor David at david@bradleyhillschurch.org

Preview of May 19 | Pentecost

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 | Acts 2 | New Member Recognition

Remember to wear red for Pentecost!

Adult Education

May 19 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: The Commission on the Status of Women

Pat Stocker, long-time BHPC member, will report on her recent experience as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68). She represented Graduate Women International and its U.S. affiliate, Women Graduates USA. She will share insights from her recent participation, including the history of CSW, and highlights and insights about current challenges.

May 19 will be our last Adult Education session before breaking until September.

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 <u>Audio only</u> at 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 817 0659 1994 | Passcode: 20817

An Inter-Congregational Workshop

HOW TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS ON DIFFICULT TOPICS

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 3-5PM PARIAL 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).

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.

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.



All Church BBQ | June 2, 11 a.m.

Our annual All Church outdoor BBQ will be held on the church grounds after the 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, June 2! The church will supply the main dish and beverages, so we ask that you bring your favorite sides, salads, and desserts to share.

No reservation necessary, just come as you are!

We're excited to have this annual event full of fun and fellowship, but **we need help planning it!** If you are interested in volunteering to help with the planning, contact David at **david@bradleyhillschurch.org.**

Music Note

Anna Thorvaldsdottir is an Icelandic composer and DJ currently based in London. **Heyr þú oss himnum á** sets an ancient Iclandic prayer in Thorvaldsdottir's ethereal and haunting compositional voice; her writing evokes the stark landscape of her home country and its otherworldly beauty.

-- Music note by Gilbert Spencer

Recognition of Graduating High School Seniors

This year, BHPC is recognizing graduating high school seniors in worship on **June 9**. If you are, or have, a graduating high school senior, and they would like to be recognized on June 9, **contact Rosanna Howard** at rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org.



Youth Confirmation Class 2025

All youth in 8th and 9th grade, and high school who have not yet been confirmed, are invited to sign up for Confirmation at Bradley Hills! Confirmation is a special time of youth learning about our traditions, and growing in faith and friendships, and making their faith their own as they take an important step in life's faith journey with the help of adult mentors. Confirmation classes meet Sunday mornings in the fall and in the winter from 9:10 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. For more information or to sign up, contact TDCE Rosanna Howard (rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org) or Pastor David (david@bradleyhillschurch.org).

There will be a Confirmation Class Info Session on **Sunday, June 30** after the 10 a.m. worship service in Covenant Hall. Parents and youth are invited to attend and learn more about confirmation.

Kids' Choirs Done for the Year!

The Alleluia Choir, Cherub Choir, & Lantern Chorale are not meeting again until the start of the 2024-2025 program year in September. Thank you to all parents and kids who participated in making a joyful noise! See you in the fall!

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Susan Bowis, whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024.
- The family of Jon Peyer (brother of Bonnie Peyer's husband, Christian) who died in an automobile accident on April 23. Jon leaves wife, Anne, and three young children.
- The family of Ambrose B. Makia (father of Eko Makia) whose Celebration of Life will be held in Cameroon later this month.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- Wonderful fellowship, games, crafts, and delicious food at the 2nd Annual Interfaith Family Fun Day on May 5, sponsored by ICPC.
- Time of appreciation and celebration of BHPC office volunteers: Marilyn Alberts, Kim Brinkman, Bie Fox, Corky Hickey, Ed Hummers, Janet Krasnican, Bebe & Matthew McMeekin, Bob Reutershan, and Jalena Specht.
- Congratulations to BJC, celebrating their 60th Anniversary-Mazel Tov.

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.
- Matthew McMeekin for healing and complete recovery for shoulder pain.
- Frenkel/Sierra Family who is dealing with various non-life-threatening, but challenging, health issues.
- Wayne (Kathy Brady's sister's husband) and Roger (Terry Brady's sister's husband) for health issues.
- Judy (Jana Coffey's mother) who is receiving comfort care.
- Peg Flowe.
- Eric.

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

- Prayers for all those affected by the protests on college campuses across the nation.
- Peace for the people in the Middle East, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, 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 America.
- Those suffering with 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 (<u>denise@bradleyhillschurch.org</u>).

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.bradleyhillschurch.org Click the GIVE NOW button

A Note From Stewardship

Through the end of April - one third of the year - a majority (55%) of the 198 households that made stewardship pledges for the year 2024 have either fulfilled their pledges entirely or have contributed to one third or more of the pledge amount. In fact, over 50% of pledged income for 2024 has already been received. If you are one of the 48 pledging households who have yet to make a 2024 gift, it's a great time to catch up. Receiving pledges on a regular basis ensures that the church can continue fulfilling its mission throughout the year.

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 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)

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.

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

Recognition of Long-Time Members

All are invited to attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service to recognize the long-time members of Bradley Hills on Sunday, June 2. We thank you for your long-term commitment to Bradley Hills and all that you have done over the years.

Worship Notes

The sermon relied on ideas from the following resources:

- Walter Bruggemann, "The Book of Exodus: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflection," *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary, Volume I,* Abington Press, 2015 (pp. 405-406, 412-413).
- Terrence E. Fretheim, *Exodus: Interpretation Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*, John Knox Press, 1991 (pp. 201-207, 231-232).
- Eugenia Anne Gamble, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. (pp. 48-55).

Worship at 10:00 a.m. (Begins May 26)

May 19 | Pentecost Sunday | Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Communion | Long-Time Member Recognition After Worship: Church BBQ

June 9

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Commission Summer Trips | Recognize High School Graduates | Recognize BCPCNS Retiring Administrator

June 16 | Father's Day

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Congregational Meeting | Intergenerational Choir

Lost & Found

We have a few items in Lost & Found of value, including an Apple Watch. If you are missing an Apple Watch or anything else, please email Elizabeth Bullock at elizabeth@bradleyhillchurch.org so we can get it returned to you.

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@bradleyhillschurch.org**, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.

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