

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

May 19, 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 July 16.

Our next Exploring Membership class is on Sunday, July 7 at 11:15 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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jong Mi Lee

One: Come, Spirit of wisdom, and teach us to value the highest gifts.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Come, Spirit of understanding, and show us all things in the light of eternity.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Come, Spirit of godliness, and stir up our minds and hearts.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 131

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Aberystwyth

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: We gather in this holy place,

All: That we might know and understand God better.

CONFESSING & PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God of life and all living things, your breath fills the universe and makes it alive;

All: We praise you, O God, for the gifts of your spirit.

One: Your love blows through all creation and makes us one;

All: We praise you, O God, for the gift of your spirit.

One: Yet we know we have failed to value the lives, ideas, and needs of others.


All: Lord, forgive us.

One: We have brought pain through division and exclusion.

All: Lord, forgive us. As we confess...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE 572



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.

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gratitude for Engagement in the Body of Christ

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message.

Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway at their classroom doors.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-4

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Alleluia.

Amen.

Randall Thompson

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:5-21

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seeking Understanding

David Gray

*HYMN 126

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

St. Agnes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

William Dawson

Refrain: Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, Out of His mouth came fire and smoke;
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain.

Jordan river is chilly an' cold, It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train upon this track, It runs to heaven an' right back.

Refrain.

*** 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:

One: O Lord,

All: Hear our prayers.

Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,

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 128**

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

*** CHARGE**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord lift His countenance upon you;

And give you peace,

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

And be gracious unto you,

The Lord be gracious unto you.

Amen.

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



Preview of May 26 | Trinity Sunday

One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | From Genesis 1 & Corinthians 13:14

Adult Education

Breaking for Summer

Adult Education will be taking a break in the summer months and **will start up again in September 2024**. Stay tuned for upcoming details about the Adult Education sessions in the weekly emails, on the website, and in the bulletins. *May 19 will be our last Adult Education session in the program year.* The recordings of the Adult Education sessions can be found on the [Bradley Hills YouTube Channel](#).

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.*



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. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the planning, contact David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org.

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.



VBS 2024 | August 19 - 23

Registration Open! Vacation Bible School August 19 - August 23

For the second year in a row, we will be partnering with Geneva Presbyterian Church. **We are encouraging early registration! Scan the QR Code to register your child today!**



- Registration by May 26: \$80/child**
- Registration by June 30: \$95/child**
- Registration by August 5: \$110/child**

Questions? Learn more about VBS by contacting Rosanna Howard at rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org.

Chronic Illness/Pain Group

Imago Counseling will be leading a **12-week support group** for people with chronic illness/pain beginning **May 17** and going through the first week of August. We'll meet over Zoom every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in joining (at no cost), please contact Samantha Steinfeld at samantha.steinfeld@imago-centerdc.com.

Middle School Putt Putt Adventure - Today!

All rising 6th grade - 8th grade are invited to come putt putting during our youth time on **Sunday, May 19 (TODAY!) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Monster Mini Golf in Gaithersburg.** Join us for pizza, 18 holes of spooky glow-in-the-dark mini golf, and lots of fun! **Cost is \$15 per youth and includes everything!**



Please plan to meet us at Monster Mini Golf--parents can plan to drop off and pick up from there or stay and chaperone! Please let Rosanna Howard know if you need a ride from the church, where she'll be leaving around 4:30 p.m.

Music Note

Randall Thompson's *Alleluia* is one of the most recognizable and significant choral works of the twentieth century. It was commissioned to be performed at the Berkshire Music Festival by conductor Serge Koussevitsky. It was first read on July 8, 1940 and has held an important place in the American repertoire since its premiere. This legendary chorus was almost not ready for the initial performance. He was deep into another commission when the request came in. However, he set aside some time from July 1 to July 5. The chorus was ready to rehearse but as the performance drew near there was still no score. With less than an hour to go before performance there was still no music. Forty-five minutes before the curtain rose the Alleluia first made its way to the conductor, G. Wallace Woodworth. He looked at the chorus and said, "Well, the text is at least one thing we will not have to worry about." The performance was a success and to this day the Alleluia is sung at the opening of each summer's Berkshire Festival. The work is now often performed at ceremonies requiring a certain solemnity or quiet dignity. This may be due to Thompson's own comments about the work. The anthem's tempo mark of *lento* was very important to the composer. France had just fallen to the Nazis and Thompson later explained, "The music in my particular Alleluia cannot be made to sound joyous...here it is comparable to the book of Job, where it is written, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

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!**

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!

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@bradleyhillchurch.org.

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
There's still room for any youth who'd like to attend!

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Bob Dodge (Pat Stocker's brother) who died on May 12.
- 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 Ambrose B. Makia (father of Eko Makia) whose Celebration of Life will be held in Cameroon next week.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- Delightful Mother's Day Tea last Sunday sponsored by Children's Lay Ministry.
- Adult Ed presentation by author and BHPC community member Jean Dudek, discussing her book, *The Scent of Bright Light* (a fiction account of the biblical story of Sarah and Hagar).
- BJC's wonderful gala last week 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.
- Mike Frenkel for healing for back pain.
- Val Sierra (spouse of Leanne Frenkel) for healing and complete recovering from knee surgery.
- Jeff Weber (friend of Cheryl Naulty and Walter Hill) who is having hip replacement surgery.
- Wayne (Kathy Brady's sister's husband) and (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.

- 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 (denise@bradleyhillchurch.org).

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

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note From Stewardship

Today is the last Sunday of the Chancel Choir's program year until September. We thank the volunteer singers for the time and talents they have dedicated to the choir this past year, and we look forward to the summer, when our four professional section leaders will grace our worship services with their amazing musical talent. We also thank everyone whose financial support makes it possible for Bradley Hills to enjoy this beautiful music.

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**.

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.

Hearing Assistance in Worship

We have several hearing enhancement devices available in the sanctuary near the A/V desk in the back right of the sanctuary. All hearing devices are available for anyone in-person who would like to hear worship a little better.

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.

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.

Summer Worship at 10:00 a.m.

May 26 | Summer Worship Begins: One Service at 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Genesis 1 & 2 Corinthians

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Congregational Meeting | Intergenerational Choir

June 23

Youth Led Mission Report Back

June 30

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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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