

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

May 26, 2024

10:00 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](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org).

In Christ's hope,

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

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

### Get Connected | Explore Membership

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

**New Members will be received next on July 14.**

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

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort; *BuxWV 185*

Dietrich Buxtehude

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Free our souls from fear, O Lord.

All: Feed our souls with generosity.

One: Free our hearts from worry, O Lord.

All: Feed our hearts with love.

One: Day by day we are learning to be your church.

All: Guide us closer to you and one another as we worship you.

### \*HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicaea*

### 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

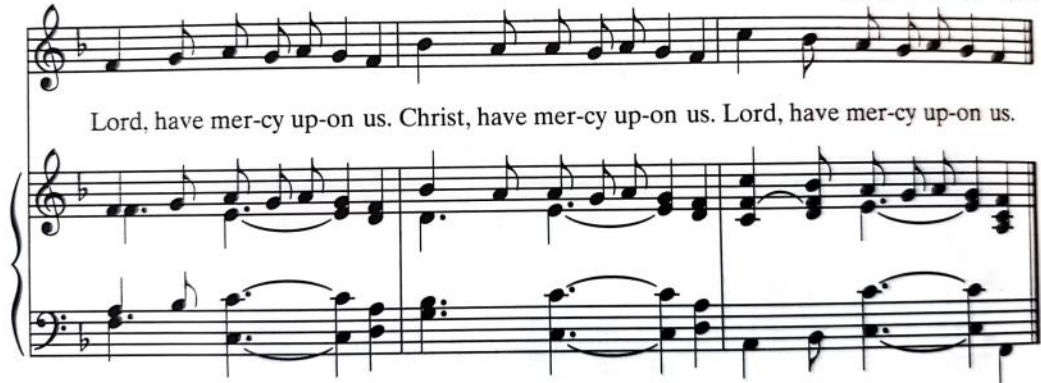
*Said in unison.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in this world. Yet we do not always follow your call. Forgive us when we turn away from you and go our own way. Break us free from the myth of self sufficiency and turn us around to see your generous grace in our lives. Help us to live into your abundance of love for all your people, as we pray...

*Silence for personal confession.*

## KYRIE 572



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

*Kids ages 3 to 4th grade are invited to Summer Church School with all ages combined together during the 10:00 a.m. service. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway.*

### 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!

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-19

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*An Amazing, Overflowing Love*

David Gray

## \*HYMN 368

I've Got Peace Like a River

*African American Spiritual*

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Said in unison.*

## RESPONSE IN FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

## 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 MUSIC

Improvisation on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

## \*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore.

## 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.

*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 262

God of the Ages, Whose Mighty Hand

*National Hymn*

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## SENDING MUSIC

Jesus Christus, unser heiland der den Tod Uberwand

Johann Sebastian Bach

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



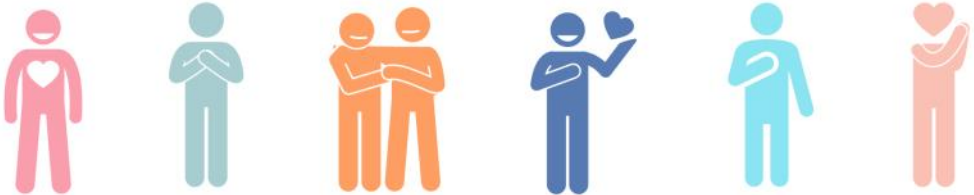
## Preview of June 2

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

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Communion | Recognition of Long-Time Members

*Sunday, June 2*

# RECOGNITION OF LONG-TIME MEMBERS



*Thank you!*

For your long-time commitment to Bradley Hills  
and all that you have done over the years.

BHPC Recognizes Class of 2024

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

If you are, or have, a graduating high school senior, and they would like to be recognized in worship on **June 9**, please contact Rosanna Howard at [rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org)





## **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@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillschurch.org).



VBS 2024 | August 19 - 23

Last Day for Early Bird VBS Registration!

August 19 - August 23

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



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](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org).

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## Congregational Meeting | June 16

There will be a congregational meeting after worship at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and online to elect our Nominating Committee for the next year.

The 2024-2025 nominees are:

Curt West - Chair  
Lee Ann Graeb  
Bie Fox  
Cheryl Naulty

Gail Brown  
Carol Whitley  
Kim Brinkman

## Get Involved This Week at BHPC

Smart Sacks in the Lounge | Sundays at 11:00 a.m. A **family-friendly mission opportunity** that provides supplemental food to families in Montgomery County.

Middle School Youth | Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Youth in **grades 6 to 8** are invited to hang out in the Youth Lounge during the month of May!

Office Closed for Memorial Day | Monday, May 27 BHPC gives thanks and remembers those who have sacrificed protecting our nation. The office will return to regular hours on Tuesday, May 28 at 9:00 a.m.

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

A poster for Bradley Hills' Youth Trips. The title "BRADLEY HILLS' YOUTH TRIPS" is in large, bold, 3D letters (red for "YOUTH", yellow for "TRIPS"). To the right is a cartoon illustration of a person with blue hair, wearing a red shirt and green pants, in a dynamic pose. Below the title are three trip details: "Massanetta: (Middle School) July 9-14" in yellow and orange, "Montreat: (High School) July 6-13" in teal and yellow, and "High School Mission Trip: June 16-21" in red and white. At the bottom, contact information for Rosanna Howard is provided in white and yellow text, along with the statement "There's still room for any youth who'd like to attend!" in white.

BRADLEY HILLS' **YOUTH TRIPS**

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(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](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org)  
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## 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.

## 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.

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

- Congratulations to Emma Kindig (daughter of Mark Kindig & Jane de Angeli) who graduated from Veterinary School.
- Welcoming new members: Una Song, Christina Synn, Pam Venkus, & Bobby Zedak

**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.
- Mark Kindig for healing and complete recovery from shoulder surgery.
- Rebecca Killen (Jennifer Kline's sister) for health issues.
- Mike Frenkel for healing back pain.
- Val Sierra (spouse of Leanne Frenkel) for healing and complete recovery from knee surgery.
- Jeff Weber (friend of Cheryl Naulty and Walter Hill) who is having hip replacement surgery.
- 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](mailto: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](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org)**

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

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## A Note From Stewardship

At the close of the church’s program year for Christian education, we salute and thank everyone who has volunteered this year as a Church School teacher for children, as a chaperone, teacher, or mentor for youth, or by sharing their expertise in Adult Education. We also thank those who have coordinated and planned these inspirational programs. Christian education at Bradley Hills would not be possible without your dedication and your gifts of time and talent. Thank you!

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**.

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## 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@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org)) **or Pastor David** ([david@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillchurch.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.*

## 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](http://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](mailto:bkburgett@gmail.com). For **larger furniture donations**, please review the website and contact HNB for pick up: [www.homesnotborders.org/donate-items](http://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](mailto: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.*

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## 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.*

# Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

## Ministers: All Members of the Church

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
Associate Pastor	Denise Diaab	denise@bradleyhillschurch.org
Director of Music	Matthew Robertson	matthew@bradleyhillschurch.org
Temporary Director of Christian Education	Rosanna Howard	rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org
Financial Manager	Jan Spencer	jan@bradleyhillschurch.org
Manager of Facilities	Farid Beltran	farid@bradleyhillschurch.org
Director of Communications & Administrative Ministries	Elizabeth Bullock	elizabeth@bradleyhillschurch.org
Coordinator for Spiritual Life	Gail Brown	polserbrown@hotmail.com
Nursery School Director	Liz Sobrino	lsobrino@bhpcns.org
Friends Club Director	Ken Silverstein	ken@friendsclubbethesda.org
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)		

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## 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.

# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**June 9, 12-1:30pm | Room 305**

Open to anyone who needs support with loss of a loved one.

**Questions?** Contact Pastor Denise at [denise@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:denise@bradleyhillchurch.org)



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## 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](mailto:elizabeth@bradleyhillchurch.org) so we can get it returned to you.

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## Mark Your Calendar for BHPC's Summer Events!

Sunday, June 2 | **All Church BBQ** at 11 a.m. on the Church Grounds

Sunday, June 9 | **Grief Support Group** at 11 a.m. in Room 305

Sunday, June 9 | **Recognition of High School Graduates** in worship

Tuesday, June 18 | **ICPC Book Discussion:** *Waiting to Be Arrested at Night: A Uyghur Poet's Memoir of China's Genocide* by Tahir Hamut Izgil

Sunday, June 30 | **Confirmation Info Session** at 11 a.m. in Covenant Hall

Sunday, July 16 | **New Member Join** Next New Member Class: July 7

Sunday, July 21 | **Ice Cream Social** sponsored by the Children's Ministry

Monday, August 19 - Friday, August 23 | **Vacation Bible School** Register today!

## Summer Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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](mailto:elizabeth@bradleyhillchurch.org), and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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