

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

May 5, 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 class is on Sunday, May 5 at 11:45 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom. *Childcare and lunch will be provided!* If you are interested in joining the new member class, please contact Pastor David.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

GATHERING MUSIC

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Bradley Ringers

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: We are witnesses to the community of love God has created for us.

All: Increase our understanding, O God, and open our minds to connect to you.

One: Speak your word of revival to us,

All: And let your love shine on any broken branches in our lives.

One: We are each a branch of God's love.

All: Let our lives be witnesses to your love, sharing it with everyone we encounter, sisters and brothers in God's family.

One: May this worship which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your healing and your foundation of love.

*HYMN 505

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

St. Flavian

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Janela Specht & Bob Reutershan

Lantern Legacy Circle

CONFESSING & PRAISING

Said in unison.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God of surprises, the world proclaims that hurt overcomes help.

All: **But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

One: The world proclaims that evil saps the tree of goodness.

All: **But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

One: The world is anxious about death.

All: **But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

One: The world proclaims that fear is the truth of our living.

All: **But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

One: Help us, O Lord, to feel your presence as we confess...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE 574

The musical score for Kyrie 574 consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy up - on us." on the first staff, "Christ, have mercy up - on us." on the second staff, and "Lord, have mercy up - on us." on the third staff. The music is written in treble clef and includes various note values and rests.

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!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-27

Rev. Brian Ellison

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:28-35

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Never Too Late for a Chance Meeting

David Gray

*HYMN 121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

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

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face

Percy W. Whitlock

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
Here would I grasp with firmer hands Thy grace;
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
Here drink with Thee the Royal wine of Heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

*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

Sing me to heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truth stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
Sing me a requiem, Sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure,
Touch in me grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem,
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.

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 105

Because You Live, O Christ

Vreuchten

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST





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

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

May 5, 12-1:30 p.m. | Room 305

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

Questions? Contact Pastor Denise at denise@bradleyhillchurch.org



Today We Welcome Rev. Brian Ellison

Brian Ellison has served as Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians since 2012, preaching, teaching, and providing overall strategic leadership in implementing the organization's mission. Brian works with congregations, councils, and groups of interested Presbyterians about inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people, fostering and navigating difficult conversations, organizing and advocating for transformation, and on the Covenant Network and its mission. Brian led today's Adult Education.

Get Connected | Explore Membership

With Pastor David

Sunday, May 5 | 11:45 AM; Library

Childcare and lunch provided! Scan QR code to join on Zoom.
Can't make today's class? Next class is on May 12.



New Members Received Next: May 19

Questions? Contact Pastor David at
david@bradleyhillschurch.org

Preview of May 12 | Mother's Day

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

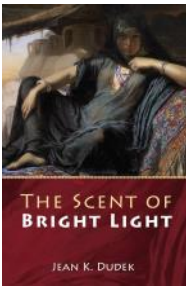
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary & online

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

Adult Education

May 12 at 9:15 a.m. | Lounge and on Zoom

Topic: *The Scent of Bright Light*



On Mother's Day, we will hear about and discuss long-time community member **Jean Dudek's** new book, *The Scent of Bright Light*. It's historical fiction, retelling the biblical story of Sarah, Abraham, and Hagar (Genesis 12-23). Sarah tells her story through the lens of her relationship with Hagar, whom she loves and raises like a daughter. You do not need to have read the book to participate in the Adult Education session. The book can be purchased through Amazon or the publisher's website at WipfandStock.com.

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

12 May 2024 | 10 a.m. Memorial Hall

Mother's Day Tea Party

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

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



Children are invited to come to Memorial Hall at 9:15 a.m. to make a craft and decorate cookies while moms are encouraged to join Adult Education in the Lounge. Then, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., moms are invited back to the Mother's Day Tea Party. Children and mothers are invited to come together for a special tea to enjoy refreshments in Memorial Hall before worship on Mother's Day. **Scan the QR code or log into Realm to register so we know how many tea cups we need!**

Music Note

English composer Percy Whitlock is, to a degree, a study in compromised ambitions. He aspired to be a cathedral organist, but made his mark mainly as a “pops” performer in a municipal organ series. He wrote an extensive symphony for organ and orchestra, but he is now remembered mainly for smaller pieces. His death from tuberculosis at age 42 eliminated the possibility that he would develop into a composer with a more serious reputation, although his music is quite effective. Whitlock began performing at Rochester Cathedral when he was 7 years old. He attended the Royal College of Music from 1920 to 1924, studying with Henry G. Ley and Ralph Vaughan Williams. In 1921, he became the assistant organist at Rochester, but when he was passed over for the top job in 1930 he resigned and moved to Bournemouth to become organist at St. Stephen's Parish Church, a job he held until 1935. Whitlock was featured in BBC broadcasts, and wrote for local papers under the name **Kenneth Lark**, which he also used for some of his compositions. His compositions, including *Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face*, melded late-Romantic, neo-Classical, and dancehall styles into appealing pieces.

An Inter-Congregational
Workshop

**HOW TO HAVE
CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS
ON DIFFICULT TOPICS**

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

3-5PM

MEMORIAL HALL

RSVP BY MAY 10



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

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.

Middle School Youth | Sundays at 12:00 p.m. Youth in **grades 6 to 12** are invited to come hang out in the Youth Lounge during the month of May!

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

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

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

BRADLEY HILLS'
YOUTH TRIPS

Massanetta:
(Middle School)
July 9-14

Montreat:
(High School)
July 6-13

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

Contact Rosanna Howard for info: rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Susan Bowis, who passed away on April 29, will celebrate the Service of Witness to the Resurrection in the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25.
- The family of Ambrose B. Makia (father of Eko Makia) whose service of Witness to the Resurrection was held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, May 4.
- 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.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- The meaningful and memorable worship services led by our youth and children last Sunday, using their gifts of word, and music to praise the Lord.
- A hearty welcome to Calvin Xavier Malashevich (Linda Kauskay's grandson). Calvin and parents, Ally and Jason, are doing well.

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.
- 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 (denise@bradleyhillchurch.org).

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



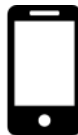
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Access the **Bradley Hills Giving Page**

www.bradleyhillchurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note From Stewardship

Today's service will focus on the legacy that you can leave to your church and your church family by making a planned gift: leaving a bequest to the church in your will, naming the church as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement plan, or in other ways, such as in a trust. We ask you to consider prayerfully how you might leave such a legacy for Bradley Hills. For more information, look for a brochure on Planned Giving on the literature rack in the Narthex, or contact any member of the Stewardship Lay Ministry. Those who already arranged for such a legacy gift at Bradley Hills are listed as members of the Lantern Legacy Circle unless they have asked to remain anonymous. The current members of the Lantern Legacy Circle, including those who have already passed away are below, and we thank them for their generous and faithful gifts.

Lantern Legacy Circle Members:

- Susan Bowis
- Penny Clark
- Joel Fickett
- Bethany & Bill Frick
- Cindy & Ira Geer
- Madge Henning
- Ed & Marcia Hummers
- Cathie Lutter & Todd McCreight
- Bob Reutershan
- Jalena & Mike Specht
- Carol Starr
- Alvin Stenzel
- Myla Williams

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**.

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)



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!

Volunteers Still Needed to Plan the BBQ!

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.

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

May 12 | Mother's Day

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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

After Worship: New Member Class

May 19 | Pentecost Sunday

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

8:30am Worship Outside at the Cross

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

June 2 | One Service at 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Communion | Long-Time Member Recognition

After Worship: Church BBQ

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

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

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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