

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

June 2, 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

Ballo del granduca, *Variatio 3*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: We gather as holy people,

All: Called by God and saved through Christ.

One: We come united by the presence of the Holy Spirit,

All: Being known to us in our sacraments, our mission and our community.

One: God is here!

All: Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN 461

God Is Here!

*Abbot's Leigh*

### 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

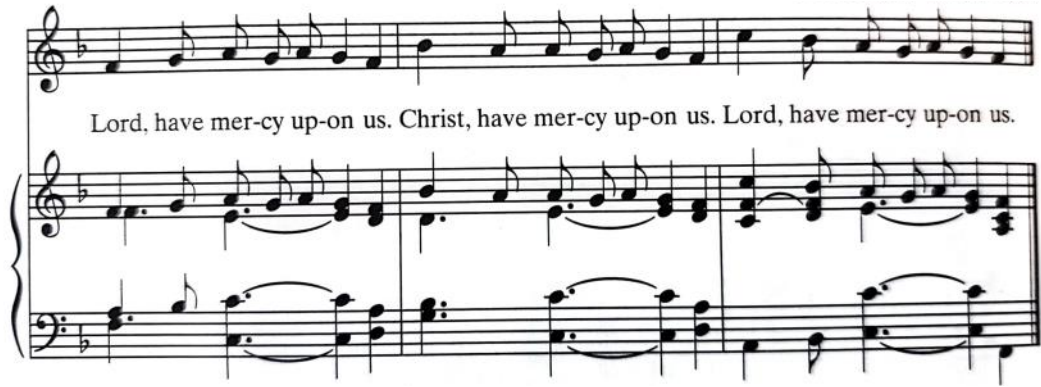
*Said in unison.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your loving call. We confess that our pride hides the brightness of your light and the sound of your call. We turn away from the poor; we ignore the cries for justice, we do not strive for peace; we close our eyes and ears to the needs of the world and to our own abilities to help. In your mercy, cleanse us and commune with us once again through your Spirit, as we confess...

*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

*Recognition of Long-Time Members*

*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!

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:19-24

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Hold Fast to What is Good*

David Gray

\*HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Solid Rock*

## 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 MUSIC

Let the Spirit In

William K. Perry

When nothing in the world seems right, and you're feeling empty,  
like there's a hole inside to fill, remember when they gathered together  
two thousand years ago, they were blessed by a fire and a wind that blew  
the Holy Spirit in their souls.

You don't need the fire, don't await the wind; it's all around you now.  
Just open your heart to God and let the spirit in.

When the Holy Spirit came upon them, they spoke to the people in many tongues,  
and everyone was amazed. And those who believed felt a stirring in their hearts  
and received the Holy Spirit, fulfilling God's promise that everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

You don't need the fire, don't await the wind, it's all around you now.  
Just open your heart to God and let the spirit in.

It was a new beginning for the church so long ago.  
It can be your new beginning, if you let the spirit flow in.

You don't need the fire, don't await the wind, it's all around you now.  
No matter who you are or where you've been, it's going to find you now.  
God poured out the spirit to forgive all sins, so no more holding out.  
Just open your heart to God and let the spirit in. Let the Holy Spirit in.



## **\* 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.

*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 MUSIC**

Improvisation on "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*Said in unison.*

## **RESPONSE IN PRAYER - THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

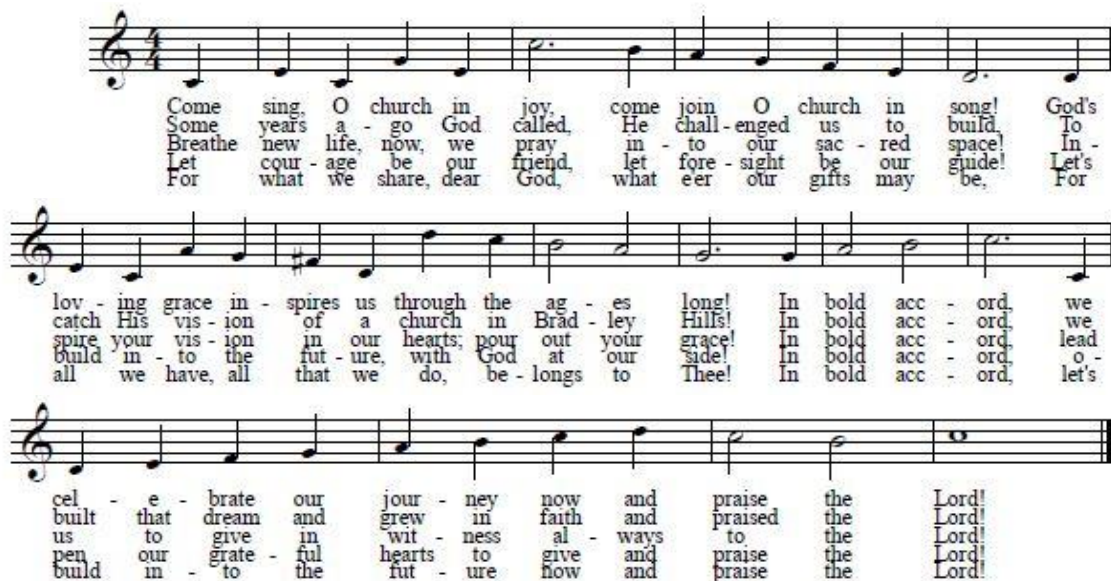
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

# GOING FORTH TO SERVE

## \*HYMN

Come Sing, O Church in Joy

words by Susan Bowis



Come sing, O church in joy, come join O church in song! God's  
 Some years a - go God called, He chall - enged us to build, To  
 Breathe new life, now, we pray, in - to our sac - red space! In -  
 Let For cour - age be our friend, let what fore - sight our be gifts our may guide! be! Let's  
 lov - ing grace in - spires us through the ag - es long! In bold acc - ord, we  
 catch His vis - ion of a church in Brä - ley Hills! In bold acc - ord, we  
 spire your vis - ion in our hearts, pour out your grace! In bold acc - ord, lead  
 build in - to the fut - ure, with God at our side! In bold acc - ord, o -  
 all we have, all that we do, be - longs to Thee! In bold acc - ord, let's  
 cel - e - brate our jour - ney now and praise the Lord!  
 built that dream and grew in faith al - ways praised the Lord!  
 us to give grate - ful hearts to give and to praise the Lord!  
 pen our in - to the fut - ure how and praise the Lord!  
 build in - to the fut - ure how and praise the Lord!

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



# *Long-Time Members 1955 - 2024*

## **68 Years**

Don Wilson

## **67 Years**

Marcia Hummers

Jean Seybert

## **66 Years**

Barbara Jennings

Marilyn Alberts

## **65 Years**

Nancy Taylor

John Grobowski

## **60 + Years**

Martha Fouchard

David Hammers

Chuck Weir

Janet Miller

John Gaffney

Marion Patel

## **55+ Years**

Elizabeth St. John

Jack & Shirley Bennett

Joan Beddow

Carol McLeod

Dick & Jeanne Tustian

Charles de Court

Carol Frenkel

## **50+ Years**

Ed Hummers

Laura Edson

Calvin D. Meleney

Donald & Phyllis Sutherland

Waid Lechner

Kent Wilson

Amy de Court

Joan Jameson

Scott & Carol Butcher

Janet Krasnican

Janet Williams

Joanie Friend

Carol Dorsey

Barbara DeLouise

Nancy Cylke

Tom Biggs

Dorothy Kirkendall

Steve Holmberg

## **40+ Years**

Lisa Alberts-Cox

Al & Marcia Kingman

Lisa Hicks

Carol Starr

Corky & Mary Hickey

John Bowis

Pam Hammers

Joy Panagides

Cheryl Naulty

Jennifer Snow

Melissa Busch

Tim & Susan Vanderver

Fabian Sydnor

Steve & Joan Burns

Terry & Kathy Brady

## **30+ Years**

Abby & Neil Imus

Julie Jameson

Michelle Marcoot

Clint & Missy Kelly

Harriet Powell

Margaret & Paul Rick

Jason Oliver

Gary & Cheryl Hostetler

Kristine & Josef Yeager

Rosanna Morrison

Gail & George Brown

Lizzy Menard

Michelle Friend

Paul Skrabut

Lou & Pat Kallas

JoAnne Jensen

Judy & Rick Arndt

Judy Rankin

Julie & Bruce Hunter

Casey & Elaine Henderson

Pat Stocker

Gretchen Gaines

Lizanne Stafford

Susie Wellman

Jean Sutton

Gretchen Bolton

Stephanie Naulty

Jenni Biggs

James & Betsy Scroggs

Susan Plaine

Robyn Nietert

Madge Henning

Cindy Geer

Walter Hill

Pat Wainwright

Ben Flowe

Bill & Doreen Miller

Katharine Scheig

Sally Fowler

Kate Wise

David Hammers

Sally Muth

Clint Kelly

Robert Jensen

Bob & Karen Deans

Lucy McFadden

Marc Allen

Mike Frenkel

## **30 Years in 2024**

Yupin Whitehead

Cathie Lutter

Todd McCreight

Jonathan Rick

Ila Roy

Liz Allen

Sarah & Karl Klontz

Bebe McMeekin



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.

## Preview of June 9

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

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Commission Summer Trips

Recognition of High School Grads | Recognition of Nursery School Administrator

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)





VBS 2024 | August 19 - 23

Sign Up for Vacation Bible School!

August 19 - August 23

Join Bradley Hills Presbyterian & Geneva for a week of music, games, crafts, and faith formation! **JUST LIKE ME** is an inclusive VBS curriculum that will help kids celebrate their identity as God's beloved creations just as they are!

**Get a discount on early registration! Scan the QR Code to register your 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

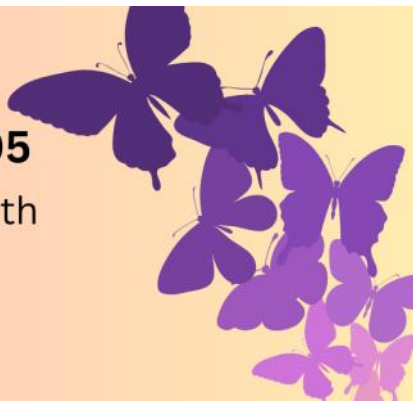
Gail Brown  
Carol Whitley  
Kim Brinkman

# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**June 9, 11:15-12:45pm | 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)



## 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.

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

A graphic with a dark blue background. At the top left, the text 'BRADLEY HILLS'' is in white. Below it, 'YOUTH' is in large, bold, red letters with a 3D effect, and 'TRIPS' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a 3D effect. To the right is a stylized illustration of a person with blue hair, wearing a red shirt and green pants, in a dynamic pose. Below the main title, there are three columns of text: 'Massanetta: (Middle School) July 9-14' in yellow, 'Montreat: (High School) July 6-13' in teal, and 'High School Mission Trip: June 16-21' in red. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white and yellow text.

**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](mailto: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 Norma (Elaine Henderson's sister's long-time neighbor) who died on May 27.

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

- With gratitude we celebrate the contributions and faithfulness of our long-time members.

**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.
- Joanie Friend for healing and complete recovery from second knee surgery.
- Mark Kindig for healing and complete recovery from shoulder surgery.
- Rebecca Killen (Jennifer Kline's sister) who is having surgery on June 3.
- Mike Frenkel for healing back pain.
- 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)).

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## **All Church BBQ | June 2, 11 a.m. (Today!)**

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.

**Bring your favorite sides, salads, and desserts to share, or just come join us!**

**No reservation necessary, just come as you are!** We're excited to have this annual event full of fun, food, and fellowship. See you there!

## 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

As we conclude the Church's program year and begin the summer schedule, we are extremely grateful for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure that have made Bradley Hills such a vital, vibrant, and welcoming place this year. Thank you for all your support!

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.*

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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.



# 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
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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.

# Get Involved at Bradley Hills This Summer

## Worship

### **In-Person Worship**

8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall | 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Lenten Sermon Series on Matthew

### **Online Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

## Mission & Racial Justice

**Feeding Families** | Collaborative with Faith Presbyterian Church in Anacostia

## Families & Children

**Childcare** | Children 3 and under at 10:30 a.m. worship

**Summer Church School** | Sundays at 10:45 a.m. after the Children's Message  
Pre-K to 4th Grade

**Vacation Bible School** | August 19 - August 23, 2024

**Youth Mission Trip** | June 16 - June 21, 2024

**Youth Trips to Massanetta** (July 9 - 14, 2024) & **Montreat** (July 6 - 13, 2024)

## Music

**Intergenerational Choir** | Sundays, June 16, July 21, & August 18

**Summer Hymn Sings** | Sundays, July 14 & September 1

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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 11:15 a.m. in Room 305

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

Saturday, June 15 | Children's Ministry Outing to the **Big Train Baseball Game**

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 14 | **New Member Join** Next New Member Class: July 7

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

Sunday, July 28 | **New Story Leadership Alumni Presentation** in Covenant Hall

Sunday, August 18 | **Handbell Petting Zoo** in the Sanctuary loft at 11:15 a.m.

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

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

June 9

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

June 16

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Intergenerational Choir  
**After Worship:** Congregational Meeting

June 23

Youth Led Mission Report Back

June 30

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab

July 7

**Preaching:** Pastor Jong Mi Lee | Communion  
**After Worship:** New Member Class

July 14

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Hymn Sing | New Members Join

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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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## *Interested in Staying Up-to-Date on BHPC? Get Connected!*

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Director 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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