

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

June 16, 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

Toccata cromatica per le levatione

Girolamo Frescobaldi

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Arise and shine, your light has come.

All: The glory of God is upon us.

One: Now the grace of God is ours.

All: God's goodness calls us to this sacred place. Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Ellacombe*

### 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

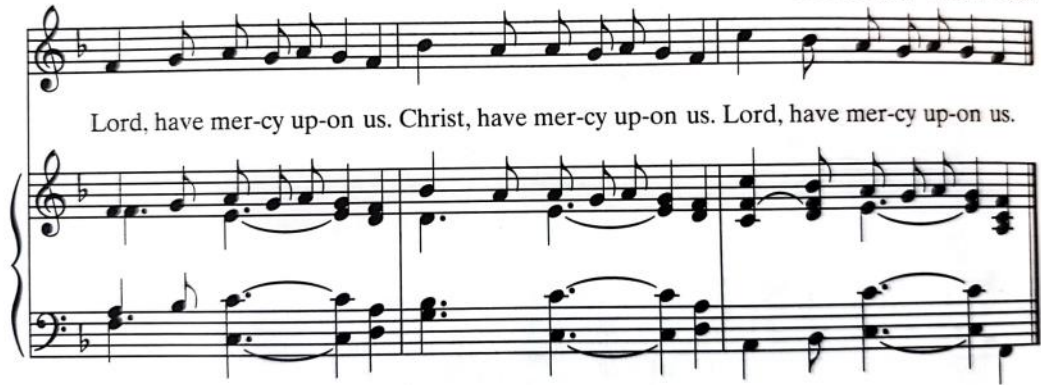
*Said in unison.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Merciful God, you give us hope for the world, yet we fail to work for peace. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed, yet we seek the security of retribution. Forgive us our sins, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray...

*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

*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!

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Go Into the World in Peace*

David Gray

*"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Romans 12:18)*

\*HYMN 374

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

*Dickinson College*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Said in unison.*

### RESPONSE IN FAITH - FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

### 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

To Every Thing There Is A Season

John Rutter

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that  
 which is planted;  
 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to  
 embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

**\* SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING**

Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly 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.

*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 361**

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

**\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**SENDING MUSIC**

Ballo del granduca, Variations 1-2

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

**\* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



## 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 Graeub  
Bie Fox  
Cheryl Naulty

Gail Brown  
Carol Whitley  
Kim Brinkman

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## Preview of June 23

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

**Preaching:** Youth Led Mission Trip Report Back

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Join Us in Praying for the Participants on this Week's Mission Trip:

#### **High School Mission Trip to Richmond, VA - June 17 to June 21, 2024**

Our participants are ready and the packing lists are made! The youth are excited, and so are the chaperones! The Youth Mission Trip is always an annual highlight of our summers. The high school students on the trip will learn about and have a relationship with God, learn about themselves, work as a team with their peers, meet new people, help others as they can, and experience the world through God. We invite you to pray for our youth and chaperones as they prepare and are on this trip.

BHPC Mission Trip Participants:

**Mission Trip:** Julia Anderson, Emily Coffey, Andrew Gray, Brendan Gray, Simone Kang, CJ Kauffunger, Will Kauffunger, Daniella Ntuda, Benjamin Scribner, Wyatt Whisenhunt, **Chaperones:** David Gray, Carol Frenkel, Rosanna Howard

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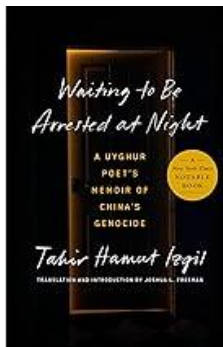
#### **Massanetta Participant Meeting TODAY!**

A brief meeting will take place **after worship TODAY at 11:15 a.m. in the Lounge**. All participants/parents are asked to attend either in person or by Zoom. Scan the QR Code to join by Zoom.



## ICPC Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 7-9 p.m. | Covenant Hall



The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee (ICPC) invites all to a special book discussion about China's Human Rights Violations of the Uyghur people.

Join us in a facilitated discussion about *Waiting To Be Arrested at Night: A Uyghur Poet's Memoir of China's Genocide* by Tahir Hamut Izzil. With his lyrically powerful prose, the author provides a personal and moving look at the persecution of the minority Uyghur Muslims in northwest China. For the Uyghur people, daily life includes constant police harassment, ubiquitous high-technology surveillance, forced labor, separation of families, and detainment of

millions of people. Fearing arrest at any moment, Izzil navigated a very corrupt bureaucratic process that took him years to get his family out of China. He considers himself and his immediate family lucky to have found a home in the United States.

**Context:** Gradually the plight of the minority Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang is gaining world-wide attention. The United Nations considers the Chinese actions to be a serious violation of human rights and the United States government has declared it to be a Genocide. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the Chinese government have imposed actions that affect the Uyghur's religious, cultural, economic, and social lives. In order to forcibly assimilate them, the government has arbitrarily detained more than an estimated one million Uyghurs in internment camps since 2017. Chinese actions have included forced labor, suppression of Uyghur religious practices, political indoctrination, severe ill-treatment, forced sterilization, forced contraception, and forced abortion. Experts estimate that, since 2017, thousands of mosques have been razed or damaged, and hundreds of thousands of children have been forcibly separated from their parents and sent to boarding schools. International companies are benefitting from the products produced by this slave labor as part of their supply chains. Some of these products are components used in manufacturing cars, electronics, beverages, and clothing.

### Juneteenth Holiday

The BHPC Office will be **closed on Wednesday, June 19** in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. The office will be open again on Thursday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m.





## Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival

Join Bradley Hills' Interfaith Outreach Committee at this year's Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival at the **Interfaith Pavilion at Cabin John Village on Wednesday, June 19**. Explore the full itinerary and other Juneteenth events, including the Interfaith Brunch on June 16 and the Day of Service on June 20, at [juneteenthscotland.org](http://juneteenthscotland.org). Questions? Contact **Judy Ozone** at [judy.l.ozone@gmail.com](mailto:judy.l.ozone@gmail.com).

### More at the Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival | June 19, 2024

**Bells Mills Elementary | 8 a.m.**

Juneteenth 5K & 1-Mile Family Walk | Registration Required

**Bette Carol Thompson Scotland Neighborhood Recreation Center | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
History Lectures

**Cabin John Village | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Classic Car Show | Health & Wellness Pavilion | Children's Art Show

**Interfaith & Social Action Pavilion** | History Pavilion | Juneteenth's Got Talent

**Cabin John Park | 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

Children's Caribbean Carnival | Food Court | Juneteenth Parade  
Baseball/Softball Clinics | Juneteenth Ceremony

**Shirley Povich Field at Cabin John Park | 9:45 p.m.**

Fireworks Extravaganza



*Scan the QR Code or visit [juneteenthscotland.org](http://juneteenthscotland.org) for the full schedule and details!*



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?** Contact Rosanna Howard at [rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org).



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

## Get Involved This Week at BHPC

**No Bible Study This Week!** Our next Bible Study will be on **Wednesday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m.** Both listeners and participants welcome!

Visiting Team | Monday at 6:30 p.m. Are you a natural caregiver? Join the Visiting Team to know how you can nurture the community, or come for a meeting just to try it out! Ask Pastor Denise or Jennifer Kline for meeting info.

BJC Mahjong Madness | Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Join our friends from the Bethesda Jewish Congregation in the lounge for some interfaith mahjong fun. All skill levels welcome!

Dementia Support Group | Friday at 11:45 a.m. Are you a caregiver or have a loved one with dementia? All are welcome to this free community caregiver support group. Contact the office to learn more.

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### Becky's House Meals

*For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.* (Matthew 25:35)

For many years Bradley Hills has fed the hungry through a ministry with shelters for those who would otherwise be homeless. Some exciting developments have occurred: We have been partnering with Interfaith Works to provide dinner once a month to Becky's House, a shelter for eight women. **We are excited to expand our ministry to include Lon's House, a home for eight men located in Rockville, also managed by Interfaith Works.**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to broaden this ministry by giving those who deliver the dinner the option to stay, serve, and dine with the residents. This is an option, not required. **We will start providing meals at Lon's House in September**, and we still have **one date available for Becky's House (July 8)** left to fill.

**Scan the QR Codes to sign up to make dinner for Becky's House or Lon's House.** You can also look for the links in the weekly emails and on the Bradley Hills website at [bradleyhillchurch.org](http://bradleyhillchurch.org).



Scan to Sign Up to Make Dinner  
for Becky's House



Scan to Sign Up to Make Dinner  
for Lon's House

## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of David Low (John Low's father) who died recently.
- The family of Michael Parizer (a friend of Bebe McMeekin) who died on May 30.

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

- Congratulations and all blessings to Erik Klontz (son of Karl & Sarah Klontz) and Courtney Doran who were married on June 7.
- Commissioning the youth and chaperones for the Senior High Mission Trip, Montreat High School Conference, and Massanetta Middle School Conference. Also, gratitude for those who responded to the call for a chaperone for Massanetta.

**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.
- Prayers for Mason (Al & Marcia Kingman's grandson) who was injured in a traffic accident on May 31; also, prayers for Mason's family.
- Rebecca Killen (Jennifer Kline's sister) who is recovering from surgery on June 3.
- Mike Frenkel for healing back pain.
- Judy (Jana Coffey's mother) who is receiving comfort care.
- Peg Flowe.
- Eric.
- Prayers for those whose pets are facing significant health challenges.

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

- Those affected by wildfires and extreme weather.
- 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

Thank you for continuing your financial gifts to Bradley Hills during the summer. The church's financial obligations continue, even when church members are on vacation, and the continued flow of pledged and unpledged gifts make it possible to meet those obligations all year.

Did you know that you can **gift securities** (stocks, bonds, etc.)? Transferring securities to Bradley Hills' brokerage account is a great way to donate appreciated securities while potentially avoiding capital gains taxes. For more info on this, **give the office a call at (301)365-2850**.

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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.

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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.

## 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)		

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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.

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### Flower Dedication

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

We are grateful to those who sign up for flowers each week.

# Get Involved at Bradley Hills This Summer

## Worship

**In-Person & Online Worship at 10:00 a.m.**

## Mission & Racial Justice

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

**Becky's House & Lon's House** | Make a one-time meal for eight.

## Families & Children

**Childcare** | Children 3 and under at 10:00 a.m. worship

**Summer Church School** | Sundays at 10:15 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!

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

Wednesday, June 19 | **Juneteenth Heritage Festival** in Cabin John, MD

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!

### ***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.

Summer Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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

July 21

**Preaching:** Pasto Denise Diaab | Intergenerational Choir

July 28

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab

