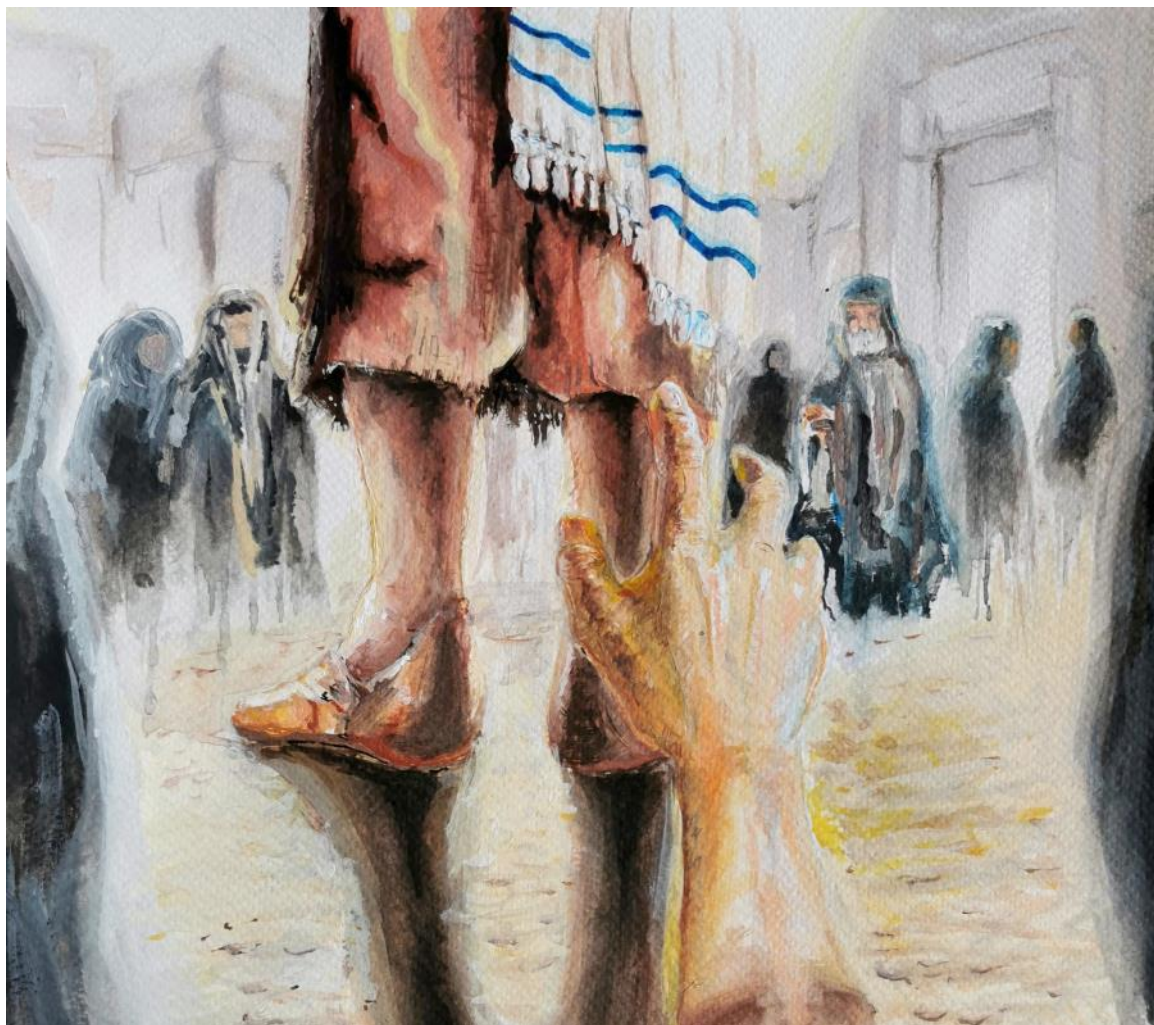


EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
July 21, 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.bradleyhillschurch.org.

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | david@bradleyhillschurch.org

Get Connected | Explore Membership

BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community. Pastor David will be available to meet with families or individuals interested in connecting more at BHPC or exploring membership. Just email David at david@bradleyhillschurch.org to set up a time.

New Members will be received next on October 27.

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

Pastor Denise Diaab

GATHERING MUSIC

Choral Prelude on 'Crimond'

Han Setiawan, *organ*

Alex Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ethan Coffin

One: I was glad when they said unto me,

All: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

One: The Spirit and the Church say, "Come."

All: The people of the Word say, "Come."

One: O praise the Lord with me,

All: The Lord's name be praised. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: We gather in this holy place,

All: That we might know and understand God better.

CONFESSING & PRAISING

Said in unison.

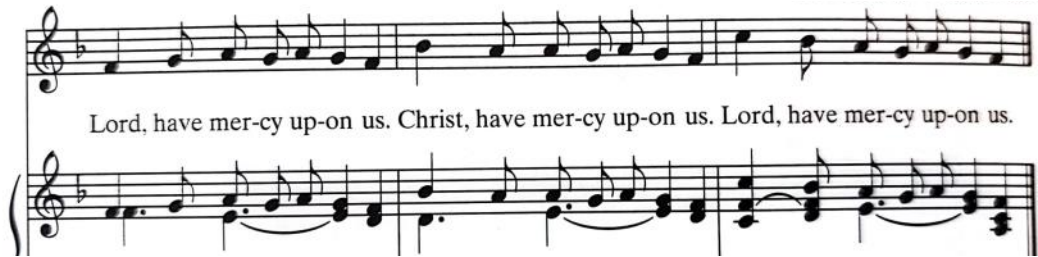
PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Deacon Linda McReynolds

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.
Friends, believe and declare 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

Mark 5:25-34

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

The Woman Hiding in the Crowd

Hymn sung to the tune "Land of Rest"

The woman hiding in the crowd reached for Christ's garment hem
that simply by the touch of it she might be healed within.

From Christ went forth the healing grace, her health and life restored.
"Who touched my clothes?" the Savior asked, but no one said a word.

The woman knelt before him then with joy and anxious fear,
and Jesus blessed her lovingly: "In peace go forth from here."

The burdens now that weigh us down, the sins we fear to speak,
the ache of heart and empty soul we lay before your feet.

So touch us, Lord, with healing grace and make us whole again
that we may always live in you and know your peace within.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - EXCERPT FROM THE CONFSSION OF 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for [all] when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

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

There is a Balm in Gilead

William L. Dawson

There is a Balm in Gilead, To make the wounded whole
There is a Balm in Gilead, To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, And say, "He died for all."

*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:

Response for Celebrations:

One: O Lord,

One: With thanksgiving,

All: Hear our prayers.

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 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Scated.

SENDING MUSIC

Ballo del granduca, *Varatio 5 & 1*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ALL are Invited to the
Intergenerational
**ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**
**TODAY! AFTER THE
10 A.M. SERVICE**

FREE
Ice Cream

**BYO Picnic on the
Church Grounds!**

WE'LL RELOCATE TO MEMORIAL HALL IF IT RAINS!

This Week at BHPC

Bible Study | Wednesday, July 24 at 2:00 p.m. Join our pastors on Zoom for a deep dive into this week's upcoming scripture. Participants and listeners are both welcome! Contact Pastor Denise for the Zoom link.

Please Register for the Upcoming ICPC Event! Details below:

An ICPC sponsored event
New Story Leadership
Alumni Presentation
July 28, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Covenant Hall



NSL Alumni share the “**Phoenix Plan**,” an actionable post war plan that addresses and identifies deadlock issues including:

- Palestinian & Israeli Leadership
- Gaza Reconstruction
- Systemic Accountability/ Restorative Justice
- Preparing the Public for Peace
- Visions for the Future
- The Role of the International Community



< **Scan the QR Code (left)** to read the one page overview on the Phoenix Plan. For more info on the Phoenix Plan, visit www.newstoryleadership.org.

Scan the QR Code (right) > to **Register** for this event. **Questions?** Contact Judy Ozone (judy.lozone@gmail.com) or Evelyn Ganzglass (eganzglass@gmail.com) for more info.



Preview of July 28

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

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS, THIS FALL AND WINTER, 9:10-10:10

- LEARN ABOUT TRADITIONS
- GUIDANCE FROM ADULT MENTORS
- GROW IN FAITH & FRIENDSHIPS

CONTACT DCYFM ROSANNA HOWARD OR PASTOR DAVID FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP!



BHPC's 70th Anniversary!

As July begins, we want to officially announce that in 2025 BHPC will be having a **70th Anniversary Celebration**. A planning committee has put forth ideas for the celebration and session has approved them. We are planning on several fun events, gatherings, and projects that will span the year and are centered on the theme of celebrating **Bradley Hills' past, present, and future**. We will be sharing more about what is in the works next year throughout this summer and fall, and will have **several *Save the Date!* announcements coming in the next few weeks**. As we get going, if you'd like to join us in being a part of planning the fun, email Kathleen Elliott (krelliott92@gmail.com) or Pastor David (david@bradleyhillchurch.org).



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! **Scan the QR Code to register your child.**



Register by August 5: \$110/child

Questions? Contact DCYFM Rosanna Howard at rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org.

Lon'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)

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.**

Scan the QR Codes to sign up to make dinner for Lon's House. You can also look for the links in the weekly emails and on the Bradley Hills website at bradleyhillschurch.org.



Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Ted Rosen (member of Friends Club).

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations including:

- Congratulations and best wishes to Britta (child of Karin & Jim Harrison) and Lana who were married on July 4.
- Meaningful and memorable trip to Montreat for the Senior High Youth.
- Mission at Massanetta where our Middle School Youth replaced a deck and built new front porch stairs for a veteran and his family, followed by a wonderful youth conference at Massanetta Springs.
- Welcoming new members Una Song; Pam, Bobby, and Parker Zedak; and Thomas, Farrar, and Una Lannon.

We hold in God's healing presence those who are suffering or have other concerns:

- Those hospitalized, injured, facing/recovering from surgery, being treated for chronic illness, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- Mike Frenkel for healing and complete recovery following back surgery.
- Dick & Jeanne Tustian for health and well-being.
- Joseph (Rosanna Howard's father) for health and well-being.
- Don (Jennifer Kline's stepfather) for health and well-being.
- Sybil Ruffing (Jennifer Kline's mother) for complete recovery for a back injury and all blessings for transitions to a new home.
- Those at BHPC and Friends Club who are recovering from Covid.
- Judy (Jana Coffey's mother) who is receiving comfort care.
- Helen and daughter.
- Randy.
- 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:

- Those who live in hope for an end to gun violence and healing for the division of America.
- Peace for the people in Gaza, Israel, Myanmar, 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 suffering with mental illness and/or addiction.
- Those traveling.
- Those who are moving to another country.

If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Pastor Denise (denise@bradleyhillschurch.org).

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
Next Scheduled Opportunity: August 17

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

Music

Intergenerational Choir | Sundays July 21, & August 18

Summer Hymn Sings | Sunday, September 1

Mark Your Calendar for BHPC's Summer Events!

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!

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.

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

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

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 makes 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**.

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.

Flower Dedication

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

Thank you to all who give for the flowers that we have each Sunday.

Our Staff & Partners in Ministry Directory

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
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Manager of Facilities	Farid Beltran	farid@bradleyhillschurch.org
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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)		

A Note from Pastor David

Bridget and I, and our family, are so grateful for BHPC and our shared ministry. In consultation with lay leadership, I plan to take a smaller bit of time each summer for the next several summers in conjunction with study leave. Our new strategic plan is now completed, and our staff is strong and are more than capable of handling things. Later in July and in early August this summer, I plan to take a few weeks where I would disconnect, which will give me an opportunity to take a step back and give others a chance to grow in ministry here. I plan to use this time for prayer and to plan sermons and worship for the year to come, and perhaps for some longer form writing again. Our family is so grateful for our shared ministry together and we look forward to the years to come.

In Christ's love,
David

Discussion Leaders Needed for Fall Small Groups

The time for Fall Small Groups is just around the corner. Small Group sessions will meet for six weeks beginning the week of September 22 and ending the week of October 27. In-person and Zoom sessions will be offered.

This fall we will be using Howard Thurman's book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*. This timeless classic offers us insights on how the teachings of Jesus help us hold on to our integrity and live in love during anxious times.

Being a Discussion Leader is not a heavy lift. Small Group time offers the opportunity for fellowship, while discussing relevant topics. Lesson guides are provided for each session.

Please contact Pastor Denise if you are interested or have questions.

Summer Worship at 10:00 a.m.

July 28

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

After Worship: NSL Alumni Presentation

August 4

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab | Communion

August 11

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

August 18

Pulpit Exchange: Rabbi Eric Abbott | Intergenerational Choir

After Worship: Handbell Petting Zoo

August 25

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | VBS Report Back

September 1 | Holy Humor Sunday

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Communion

September 8 | Welcome Back Sunday | Services at 8:30 & 10:30am

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

After Worship: Welcome Back Brunch

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, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.