

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

August 18, 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](http://www.bradleyhillschurch.org).

In Christ's hope,

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

### GATHERING MUSIC

No. 1 from Two Voluntaries

Thomas Weelkes

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Hear O people of God.

All: **Our God is one.**

One: We are all creatures of our God and king.

All: **Made in God's image.**

One: So let us gather in this holy place.

All: **Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: We gather in this holy place,

All: **That we might know and understand God better.**

### MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

*70th Anniversary*

Elder Kathleen Elliott

## CONFESSING & PRAISING

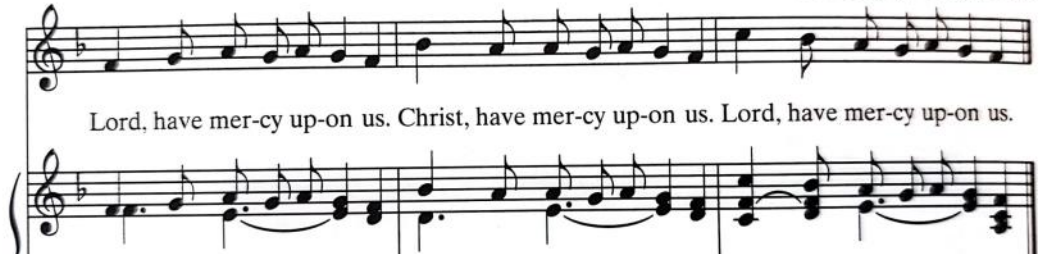
*Said in unison.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Holy God. We come before you as humble sheep of your flock. We adore you. Yet we confess that we fall short of being the people you call us to be. Forgive us. Allow us to follow your spirit into a grace-filled future as we confess...

*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 God's righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-6

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Rabbi Eric Abbott

*A Human Being Does Not Live on Bread Alone: Finding Sustenance in God*

**\*HYMN 553**

For the Fruit of All Creation

*East Acklam*

**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**

I give you a new commandment

*Intergenerational Choir*

Peter Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another,  
as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

**\*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING**

Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

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

**RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**

**Response for Concerns:**

One: O Lord,

All: Hear our prayers.

**Response for Celebrations:**

One: With thanksgiving,

All: We praise the Lord.

*Said in unison.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

# GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**\*HYMN 488**

The God of Abraham Praise

*Leoni*

**\*CHARGE & BENECTION**

*Seated.*

**SENDING MUSIC**

No. 2 from Two Voluntaries

Thomas Weelkes

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



## Preview of August 25

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

**Preacher:** Pastor David Gray | VBS Report Back

Recognition of DCAM Elizabeth Bullock

## Handbell Petting Zoo

**Today at 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Join us for a fun intro to Handbells for everyone who can read music, grades 5 and above. Depending on participation, those who assemble for the Handbell Petting Zoo might play a simple piece in worship on Sunday, August 25.



## Food Drive Goods Needed by August 19!



VBS Participants will be making **Snack Bags** for **Bethesda Help** on Tuesday. You can help by donating:

Juice Boxes

Pretzels

Applesauce

Fruit Cups

Raisins

Goldfish

Granola Bars

Fruit Snacks

Crackers

Cookies

Chips

***\*\*Individual packages please!***

Drop off the food to DCYFM Rosanna Howard or place the food in the marked Food Drive boxes!



# Welcome Back Brunch



SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2024, 11:30 A.M.  
MEMORIAL HALL

*Please RSVP >  
& bring your favorite dish!*



## Register for Fall Small Groups by September 8!

This year we'll be using the book *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. This timeless classic offers insights on how the teachings of Jesus help us hold on to our integrity and walk in love and forgiveness during challenging times. Thurman's reflections and insights on "the religion of Jesus" offer opportunities for rich discussion as we encourage and support one another in our faith journey today.

Small groups are meeting weekly for six weeks from **September 22 to October 31** both **in-person** and **online**. Preferences are on a first-come basis.

Registration ends on **September 8**. Please indicate your **1st, 2nd, & 3rd choices** in an email to Pastor Denise. Choices for small group sessions are:

- Sundays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in-person
- Sundays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Fridays, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Fridays, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in-person (at BHPC)
- Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Zoom



*Please purchase your book and plan to read Chapter 1 prior to your first group meeting!* The facilitator of your group will contact you around September 15 with additional information. Contact Pastor Denise ([denise@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:denise@bradleyhillschurch.org)) for additional info and to register.

**Discussion Leaders are still needed for Fall Small Groups** Please contact Pastor Denise ([denise@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:denise@bradleyhillschurch.org)) if you are interested or have questions.

## Young Families are Invited to Register for FAMILY Fall Small Groups!

The Family Small Group will meet weekly for six sessions on **Mondays from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Questions? Contact Rosanna Howard ([rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org)). **Scan the QR code to learn more about Family Small Group and to register!**





## VBS Volunteers Still Needed!

Do you have an hour or two to volunteer? We would love to have members of the BHPC congregation volunteer during the week to help with art, snack, sign-in, and recreation. You **DO NOT** have to volunteer all week or even for the whole morning! Email Rosanna ([rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org)) **ASAP** if you have some time to volunteer this week!

JOIN US FOR THE

# Blessing OF THE Backpacks!

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, 10 AM**



# YOUTH CONFIRMATION

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



**< SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER!**

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

**CONTACT DCYFM ROSANNA  
HOWARD OR PASTOR DAVID FOR  
MORE INFO.**



## Attention Middle & High Schoolers Looking for SSL Hours!

Bradley Hills' Property Management Lay Ministry needs help with the upkeep of our grounds. Come water and weed our beds and gardens, and you can be awarded SSL hours.

Interested? Contact DCYFM Rosanna Howard ([rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org)) with questions or contact Mike Kline ([mpkline222@gmail.com](mailto:mpkline222@gmail.com)) to schedule a time to come work!



THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM  
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

# ALLY TRAINING 2024

led by Service Never Sleeps



UNITY · RECONCILIATION · JUSTICE  
**Dismantling Racism**

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

(Training consists of TWO sessions.

Your registration confirms you will attend both)

**Tuesday, September 10 &  
Wednesday, September 11  
(1:00 pm to 4:30 pm)**

via Zoom



Scan the QR Code  
to Learn More and  
Register!

**Open to CLERGY and members of NCP  
congregations, communities and friends**

## BHPC's 70th Anniversary!

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 for next year soon, 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@bradleyhillschurch.org).

# *A New Program Year at Bradley Hills*

## Worship Beginning September 8

### **Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

8:30 a.m. Worship (**in-person**) | In the Garden (with good weather)  
or Covenant Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship (**in-person & online**) | Sanctuary

## Adult Education & Small Groups

**Adult Education** | Sundays at 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Lounge and on Zoom

**Bible Study** | Wednesdays at 2 p.m. on Zoom | Discussion of upcoming scripture

**Fall Small Groups** | Six-week study on *Jesus and the Disinherited* | Begins Sept. 22

## Mission in the Fall

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

**Coat Drive** | Donate or purchase a new coat. | Sept. 29, Oct. 6, & Oct. 13

**Day of Service** | Assembling Disaster Kits | October 6

**Feeding Families** | Collaborating with Faith Presbyterian Church in Anacostia.

**Smart Sacks** | Pack sacks of food for families in need. | Start Date TBD

## Children, Youth, & Family Programs

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

**Church School** | Sundays at 10:45 a.m. after the Children's Message

Pre-K to Kindergarten | 1st to 2nd Grade | 3rd to 5th Grade

**Confirmation** | Sundays at 9:10 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. | Classes begin Sept. 29

**Youth Group** | Sundays at 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge | Begins Sept. 15

## Music

**Chancel Choir** | Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary | Begins Sept. 5

**Children's Choirs** | Sundays at 11:45 a.m. in the Choir Room | Begins Sept. 22

**Lantern Chorale** | Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary | Begins Sept. 26

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

Sunday, August 18 | **Intergenerational Choir** | Meet at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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

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

Sunday, September 1 | **Blessing of the Backpacks** during the 10 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 1 | **Hymn Sing** during the 10 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 8 | **Adult Education Begins** | 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge & on Zoom

Sunday, September 8 | **Welcome Back Brunch** | Don't forget to RSVP!

Sunday, September 15 | **Grief Support Group** | 12 p.m. in Room 305

## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Anne Wilson (Julie Hunter's aunt) whose memorial service was August 17.
- The family of Jean ( Cathleen Williams' grandmother) who passed away on August 8.
- Those who are mourning the recent loss of a family pet—companion for many years.

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

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

- Those hospitalized, injured, facing/recovering from surgery, being treated for chronic illness, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, recovering from Covid, and/or isolated from the community.
- Linda Cox (Ian Scroggs' mother-in-law) who is healing from an infection from a ruptured appendix.
- Eric Whisenhunt.
- Rodger (Terry Brady's brother-in-law) who is recovering from surgery on August 8.
- Tim.
- Prayers for the Meyers family in Germany whose home and belongings were destroyed by flooding.

**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 extreme weather conditions.
- Those who live in hope for an end to gun violence and healing for the division in America.
- Peace for the people in Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Haiti, 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 who are caregivers.
- 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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## Office Staff Transition

As we give thanks for Elizabeth Bullock's ministry among us as she transitions from BHPC at the end of August, if you have notes of appreciation for Elizabeth, email them to Andrew Milne ([anstacar@comcast.net](mailto:anstacar@comcast.net)) by August 24 or put them in the Personnel Mailbox in the outer office. We will share information about new employees who start later in August in the coming weeks.

## 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

During this time of travel and vacations, we especially thank you for your gifts that allow us to livestream services to reach those near and far. And remember that you can worship with us even when you are away.

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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## 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.

Thank you to all who give to the church so that we may have beautiful flower arrangements every Sunday.



## 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
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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### Thank You, Kyle!

We are grateful for Kyle Tomlin, our tenor section leader, and all his good ministry here at Bradley Hills.

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### This Week at BHPC

**Grief Support Group | Sunday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.** If you are grieving and are looking for a supportive environment, join Pastor Denise this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 305. All are welcome in any stage of grief.

**Bible Study | Wednesday, August 21** Join our pastors at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom for a deep dive into this week's upcoming scripture. Participants and listeners are both welcome!

## Worship Schedule

August 25 | Service at 10:00 a.m.

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | VBS Report Back

September 1 | Holy Humor Sunday | Service at 10:00 a.m.

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Communion | Hymn Sing

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

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray | Commission Church School Teachers

**After Worship:** Welcome Back Brunch

September 15 | Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

**After Worship:** Youth Group Kick-Off | Grief Support Group

September 22 | Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

**After Worship:** Alleluia Singers/Cherub Choir | Fall Small Groups Begin

September 29 | Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab

**After Worship:** Coat Drive | The Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert

### *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.