

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

“I will put my Spirit within
you, and you will *live*”



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

August 25, 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

GATHERING MUSIC

Vater unser im Himmelreich; *BWV 63*

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, our God,

All: Who loves us with an everlasting love.

One: God loves God's children;

All: God leads us beside quiet streams,

One: And shows us the way we should go.

All: 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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY *Recognition of Elizabeth Bullock's Ministry* Andrew Milne

CONFESSING & PRAISING

Said in unison.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

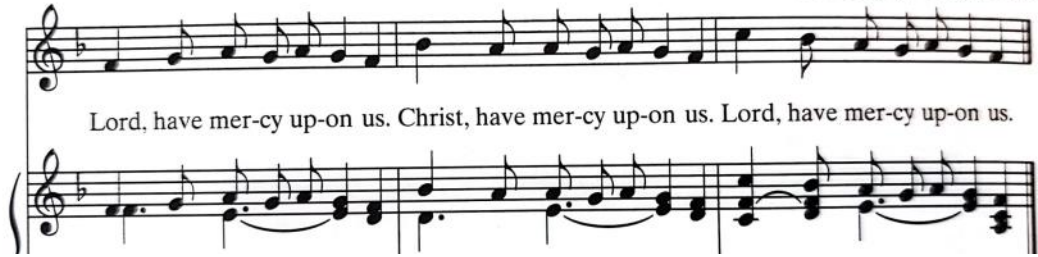
Loving God, we confess that too often we place aside your majesty and our responsibility.

In our carelessness and short sightedness, we have missed your calling. Forgive us and
heal us, triune God, we pray, as we confess....

Silence for personal confession

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

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

VBS Report Back

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Chancel Player Jean Dudek

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

“The Bones’ Spirit of Hope”

*HYMN 398

v.1

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***Said in unison.***RESPONSE IN FAITH—APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born
 of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
 descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
 judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the
 forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**

*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 108

Christ Is Alive!

Truro LM

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Seated.

SENDING MUSIC

Toccata in C Major

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Preview of September 1 | Holy Humor Sunday

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

Preacher: Pastor David Gray | *Celebrating* | Proverbs 17:22

Communion | Blessing of the Backpacks | Hymn Sing

JOIN US FOR THE

Blessing OF THE Backpacks!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, 10 AM



Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the Backpacks Students and young at heart are invited to bring their backpacks (and briefcases) to church for the Blessing of the Backpacks in worship on Sunday, September 1, to celebrate the start of an exciting new church school and academic year!

Welcome Back Brunch



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

*Please RSVP >
& bring your favorite dish!*



Welcome Back Brunch Additional Info

For this years brunch potluck, Deacons will be supplying the main dishes. When registering in Realm, please let us know what you will be bringing (side dish, salad or dessert.)

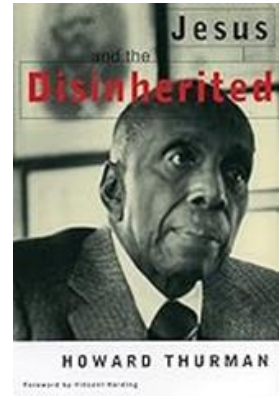
Register for Fall Small Groups by September 8!

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. to 8:30 p.m. in-person
- Sundays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Fridays, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Fridays, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in-person (at BHPC)
- Fridays, 7:00 p.m. to 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@bradleyhillchurch.org) for additional info and to register.

Discussion Leaders are still needed for Fall Small Groups Please contact Pastor Denise (denise@bradleyhillchurch.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@bradleyhillchurch.org). **Scan the QR code to learn more about Family Small Group and to register!**



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@bradleyhillschurch.org) with questions or contact Mike Kline (mpkline222@gmail.com) to schedule a time to come work!



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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**

Adult Education is back! Welcome back Dr. R. Bruce Douglass
Sunday, September 8, 15 and 22 at 9:15am in the Lounge and on Zoom

**The impact of RIGHTEOUS STATECRAFT: REFORMED POLITICAL
THOUGHT IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES** and its relevance for today.

The foundations of Reformed political thought were laid in the 16th and 17th centuries, when the passions unleashed by the Reformation were still strong and the outcome of the competition for power among the contending religious forces was still very much in doubt in several places. The purpose of this series of talks is to examine critically some of those innovations and to explore their relevance for the challenges we face in our time.

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

Mark Your Calendar for BHPC's Events!

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 Dagmar Georgiev who passed away on August 18.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- All blessings to Elizabeth Bullock as she transitions from BHPC and thanks for her ministry among us.
- The pulpit exchange with BJC - with thanksgiving for Rabbi Eric Abbott's thoughtful and timely message.
- An engaging and fun VBS for 60 children this past week—many thanks to all who helped.

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

- Those recovering from Covid.
- 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.
- Bruce Bello who broke his arm—prayers for healing and complete recovery.
- Gary Smith (Dianne Whitaker's father) who is hospitalized.
- Dick and Jeanne Tustian.
- Tim.
- Eric Whisenhunt.

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 in America.
- Peace for the people in Palestine, Israel, 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 outside of the United States.

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

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD 20817

Text Giving



Text "BHPC"
to 73256

Mobile Giving



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Access the **Bradley Hills Giving Page**

www.bradleyhillchurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note From Stewardship

Adding your church as a contingent or final beneficiary of your retirement plan can be as simple as filling out a change-of-beneficiary form. It could mean a large gift for Bradley Hills without affecting your family's financial security.

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, in loving memory of John Reid Taylor, Myla Williams' father and Taylor Williams' grandfather.

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
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries	Rosanna Howard	rosanna@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)

Worship Schedule

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