

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 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. **Classes will be held on October 13 and 20.** Lunch and childcare will be included.

**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

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(c. 1637-1707)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: We gather to worship.

All: We gather to remember Jesus, who prayed that we would be one.

One: We come the breath in the breadth of God.

All: We gather to connect with the Holy Spirit, who helps make us one.

One: We come bringing our faith in God's love.

All: We gather to worship the God who gives us the gift of faith.

### \*HYMN 473

*Dix*

For the Beauty of the Earth

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Deacon Frank Randall

## CONFESSING & PRAISING

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we come before you with great adoration, for you are a God of forgiveness, but also with anxiety. For we have tried to do right, but know we have fallen short. Forgive us for being hesitant to put our faith in you. Forgive us for failing to love each other. Forgive us for running away; for failing to be still and know you are God. Allow us to experience your grace. Forgive us as we pray...

*Silence for personal confession*

**KYRIE 572**

John Merbecke, 1550  
arr. Healey Willan, 1930



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.*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

## **EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway at their classroom doors.*

## REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrew 11: 1-13

Seminarian Dr. Han Setiawan

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

O Lord, increase our faith  
O Lord, increase our faith,  
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;  
endue us with wisdom, charity and patience,  
in all our adversities.  
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Henry Loosemore  
(unknown - 1670)

## SERMON

What are we supposed to do with God?

David Gray

## \*HYMN 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

*Dunlap's Creek*

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN FAITH - RECOGNITION OF BHPC SEMINARIAN

### 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

African-American Spiritual  
arr. Donald Moore

Ezekiel saw the wheel  
Ezekiel saw the wheel, way in the middle of the air.  
The big wheel run by faith and the little wheel run by the grace of God,  
'tis the wheel in a wheel, way in the middle of the air.

Some go to church to sing and shout, way in the middle of the air.  
Before six months they all turned out, way in the middle of the air.  
Ezekiel saw the wheel, way in the middle of the air.

If faith was a thing that money could buy, way in the middle of the air.  
The rich would live and the poor would die, way in the middle of the air.  
Ezekiel saw the wheel, way in the middle of the air.

## SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

\*Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATION

**Response for Concerns:**

One: Lord, in your mercy,  
All: Hear our prayers.

**Response for Celebrations:**

One: With thanksgiving,  
All: We praise the Lord.

*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 361

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

## \*BENEDICTION

## SENDING MUSIC

Fugue in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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## Preview of October 20

Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. outside at the cross\* & 10:30 a.m. in-person and online

Preacher: Pastor David Gray | *Where are we to find God?* | Chancel Players Skit


8:30 a.m. A more casual service outside at the cross through much of the Fall season.

9:15 a.m. Adult Education in the lounge (childcare provided)

10:30 a.m. Our traditional service with music from the Chancel Choir and Church School for our little ones through 5th grade.

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

*\*In the case of inclement weather, the 8:30 a.m. service will be held in Covenant Hall.*



Find Your Home  
at Bradley Hills

This  
Sunday

## EXPORING MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Sundays, October 13 and 20

11:45 a.m – 12:45 p.m. after worship | Library

Fall new member classes are here! Lunch and childcare provided.

*New members will join the church on Sunday, October 27.*

### Annual Coat Drive

October 13, 2024 - LAST DAY!

Give the Gift of Warmth!

BHPC is supporting families with kids at Arcola Elementary School through our annual coat drive!

Here's how you can help:

1. Purchase a coat during Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service in Covenant Hall - **only 34 left!**
2. Support the coat drive through a financial donation of \$40 for youth or \$75 for adult coats.



## Upcoming Adult Education

The Bradley Hills Adult Education Lay Ministry provides sessions each Sunday from 9:15–10:15 a.m. *Childcare is provided.*

The month of October portends anxiety, hope, promise, and uncertainty. The Adult Education Lay Ministry encourages you to join us Sunday mornings to listen to outstanding speakers and share within our safe community.



**October 20 - Faith, Witness and Democracy**, Bob Deans, long time BHPC member, director of strategic engagement for the Natural Resources Defense Council, former President of the White House Correspondents' Association. Democracy is a living body of public participation, as healthy, or enfeebled, as we, the people make it. At its best, democracy provides a civil way to settle differences, reach compromise and build on common ground. It's how we gather the will of the majority, the judgment of the whole and the collective genius of the nation, so that we might direct common resources to advance the values, interests and aspirations we share.

It only works, though, when every vote is counted, every voice is heard, and we're all able to know the truth about what our leaders do, or fail to do, on our behalf. In this election season, what does our faith suggest about our responsibility to a healthy democracy? How do Biblical teachings shape our vision of the kind of future we hope to create? And how do our beliefs show up in the values, interests and aspirations we bear witness to at the ballot box and through the expression of our views?

**October 27 -What will humans be good for as Artificial Intelligence spreads through societies?** Lee Rainie, Director of Elon University's, Imagining the Digital Future Center, returns to Bradley Hills to discuss the impact of Artificial Intelligence on spiritual and dignity as well on work and jobs. This year's session promises to be as engaging and thought provoking, if not more so, than last year's popular session.



# FALL CALL CLEAN UP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Your help is urgently needed to prepare our beautiful church grounds for winter. On October 20, come dressed in your gardening clothes! Join us after the 10:30 worship for a snack, followed by fun and fellowship outside. See you there!



**Rake Leaves**



**Transplant Plants**



**Weeding**



**Join Us in Memorial Hall  
After 10:30 Worship**

Interfaith Family Gardening with **6601 Creation Care Club**

# FALL CALL CLEAN UP FOR KIDS!

**6601 Creation Care Club** invites families and children to help with the Fall Call Clean Up on October 20. Join us for a pizza lunch too!

**Pizza in Memorial Hall at 11:45 AM**



Register



## Meet Seminarian Han Setiawan

Session was excited in July to endorse BHPC member Han Setiawan to begin the process of working towards ordination as a Presbyterian pastor. Han will start his seminary training this fall at the Union Presbyterian Seminary, pursuing the hybrid M.Div. program. He has received endorsement from the Session to enroll as an inquirer with the National Capital Presbytery and will be under BHPC's care throughout his studies. Han is looking forward to starting this period of discernment and sharing this journey together with the BHPC family.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**5-7 PM**

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Parking Lot  
6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD



# TRUNK or TREAT

## Children

Dress up in Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat for candy around the Bradley Hills' parking lot.



Register



## Adults and Youth

Decorate the trunks of your cars with Halloween themes and hand out candy to kids.



**ALL ARE INVITED**



# CELEBRATING



# YEARS!

Scan the QR code to learn more about the 70th Anniversary Dinner! We can't wait to celebrate with you.



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## Calling All Volunteers - 70th Anniversary Dinner Team

Searching for the spirit of celebration and joy?  
Look no further, the 70th Anniversary Dinner Team has a home for you!  
No contribution too small, and only the happy and fun need apply.

*Contact Cliff Ty at [CliffTy@aol.com](mailto:CliffTy@aol.com) to ask questions or sign up.*

## 1st Grade Prayer Workshop

Calling all 1<sup>st</sup> graders! Children's Ministry invites all our 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids to participate in the Milestone Workshop on Prayer. We will learn more about the nature of prayer, the many ways that we can pray, the story of Jesus teaching the disciples to pray, and finally, the Lord's Prayer, itself. Later in the fall, all the participants will recite the Lord's Prayer in worship and be given a gift to celebrate this milestone.

The workshop will take place on **Sunday, October 27 at 9:15 in Room 303** and will be led by DCYFM Rosanna Howard and this year's confirmands. Parents are encouraged to attend alongside their young child, and *childcare will be provided for other siblings.*



**Matthew 25 Mid-Atlantic Summit**  
**Saturday, October 26 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Howard County**  
**Columbia, Maryland**

Join us for a transformative gathering that merges inspiration with action: Explore how Matthew 25 congregations and partners are living into Matthew 25 through innovation, empowerment, and change.

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Baltimore and organized in partnership with the Dismantling Racism Team of the NCP. Featuring Rev. Jeramine Ross-Allam (PCUSA Center) on "The Repair of Historic Harms" and Amanda Tyler (Baptist Joint Commission) on "Ending Christian Nationalism."

**Registration deadline is October 15.**

More info and to register: <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/matthew-25-mid-atlantic-summit/>

*Email Pastor Denise for more information.*



## Sign-Ups for Flower Deliveries and Dedications

When a member of the Flower Guild team creates an arrangement for the Sunday worship service, the deacons partner with the Flower Guild to deliver the flowers to share the natural beauty of creation with someone in the congregation. These people are either unable to attend the service in person, need a little TLC, or are celebrating life's joys. Deacons Caroline Simpson and Dee Llewellyn coordinate the delivery of the flowers to recipients. Caroline and Dee are looking for volunteers from the congregation to take the arrangement from church and deliver it to the recipient right after the service. **If you are interested in doing this one Sunday, the deacons welcome you to scan the QR code, or contact Caroline Simpson at [ccdale@gmail.com](mailto:ccdale@gmail.com) or Dee Llewellyn to at [gdee@aol.com](mailto:gdee@aol.com) to select your Sunday.**



Scan the QR code to the left or contact Kristen Abbott 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

By Bonnie Holcomb, in loving memory of Velma Holcomb.

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## Bradley Hills Nursery School Update

Parents' Group is hosting a Potty Training Seminar on Tuesday, October 22nd at 9:30am (in person at BHPC) and again at 7:30pm (via zoom). This is an opportunity discuss the fears, frustrations, successes, and expectations of toilet training. The discussion is led by Sally Nueberger, potty training guru, and is a tremendous help to our parent community. All are welcome to join the conversation.

We have begun planning for the 2025-2026 school year. Current families of the preschool and BHPC community members receive priority placement when registering their child(ren). Our play-based program, taught by loving teachers, is the ideal first school experience for your child.

To learn more about us or to schedule a tour visit our website [HERE](#), call the office at 301-365-2909, or email us at [info@bhpcns.org](mailto:info@bhpcns.org).



## Ways to Give at BHPC

### Cash or Check Giving



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Text Giving

### Mobile Giving



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Connect App



Realm Giving

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Click the **GIVE NOW** button

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## A Note From Stewardship

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship – saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family and showing charity toward others. Please consider leaving a legacy of love and concern to Bradley Hills by including a gift to the church in your estate plan. A brochure on Planned Giving, which you can find in the literature rack in the Narthex, contains more information on making such gifts.

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## A Music Note

Born in what was then Denmark, Buxtehude spent most of his professional life in the North German city Lübeck, located near the Baltic, at the Marienkirche. Although a cultural nexus in its own right, Lübeck is only 40 miles from the cultural capital that was Hamburg. His work at the Marienkirche is characterized by a melding of sacred and secular genres and the use of the organ as a sermonizing tool, equal to the preacher. His impact on musicians of the day can hardly be overstated. Handel, Bach and the lesser-known organist-composer Mattheson all traveled to Lübeck to study with Buxtehude at one point or another. In fact, in 1703 Handel and Mattheson both traveled to meet Buxtehude, who was then elderly and ready to retire. Buxtehude offered his position in Lübeck to both Handel and Mattheson but stipulated that the organist who ascended to it must marry his eldest daughter, Anna Margareta. Both Handel and Mattheson turned the offer down and left the day after their arrival. The short Chorale Prelude Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our Father in Heaven) is based on the chorale melody for the Lord's Prayer and is replete with shocking chromaticism and an imitative texture.

## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Hazel Ghurani who passed away on October 8. Hazel's Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be in the sanctuary at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 24.
- The family of Beckie Meredith who passed away on October 2.
- The family of Judy (Jana Coffey's mother) whose memorial service was postponed due to Hurricane Milton.
- The family of Dagmar Georgiev whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 27.
- The family of Douglas Rigler whose Service to the Resurrection will be at 1:30 pm on Sunday, November 3.

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

- We praise the Lord for a wonderful World Communion Sunday.
- Many hands made light work on our Day of Service last week as by Rekebah Liu and Paul Martin led members in assembling disaster kits, hygiene kits, and school backpacks. Thank you to everyone who helped including those who helped with Smart Sacks (Jim Kettler) and the Coat Drive (Susie Krasnican).

**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, recovering from Covid, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- Walter Sczudlo (husband of Becky Sczudlo) who has been transferred to a rehab facility; requests for continued prayers for healing, strength to walk, and fortitude.
- Anna for continued healing.
- Pam Hammers who is recovering from shoulder surgery on October 1.
- Linda Kauskay who is recovering from knee surgery on September 24.
- Sarah Remington (daughter of John and Barbara Buchman) for health and well-being.

**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 impacted by the devastation resulting from Hurricanes Milton and Helene.
- Those who live in hope for an end to gun violence and healing for the division in America.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- The people in the Middle East, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia.
- Those suffering from mental illness and/or addiction.
- Those who are caregivers.

If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Pastor Denise ([denise@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:denise@bradleyhillchurch.org)).

# A New Program Year at Bradley Hills

## Worship

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

8:30 a.m. Worship (**in-person**) | at the cross (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. -10:15 a.m. in the Lounge or 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*

## 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.

## 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.

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

**Youth Group - Dessert and Devotion** | Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Kitchen

## Music

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

**Lantern Chorale** | Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Alleluia Singers** | Sundays at 11:45 a.m. in the Choir Room

## Our Staff

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Child Caregivers - Nora Mendez, DelCarla Shorter and Liz Allen

Parish Associates - Wally Harman and Jong Mi Lee

Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland

Section Leaders—Marie Marquis (soprano), Kaytlin Withers (alto), Brynn Farlow (tenor), Steven Slupe (bass)

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

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Office Manager at **kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org**, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.

# Worship Schedule

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

October 20 | Stewardship Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

**Topic:** Where are we to find God?

October 27 | Reformation Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

**Topic:** What are we not supposed to do with God?

November 3 | All Saints and Communion Sunday

**8:30 am:** Pastor David Gray

**10:30 am:** Special Music featuring Bach's Christ Lag in Todesbanden

November 10 | Dedication Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

**Topic:** Who holds the future?

November 17 | Interfaith Sunday

**8:30 a.m.:** Pastor Denise Diabb

**10:30 a.m.:** Muslim, Jewish and Christian Worship

November 24 | Christ the King Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab

December 1 | First Sunday of Advent

**Preaching:** Pastor Denise Diaab

December 8 | Second Sunday of Advent

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray



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