

EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 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.

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.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Bradley Ringers
arr. Larry Sue

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Let us come before our God today with gratitude.

All: Gratitude for the opportunity to share with each other and to share our praise for God.

One: Gratitude for the example of Jesus, who teaches us to love our neighbors and to serve those around us.

All: Gratitude for the opportunity to worship God this day.

*HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Brigitte Burgett

CONFESSING & PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created us and love us and we adore you. Yet, we confess that though you claim us as your own, we are embarrassed to give of ourselves as you have given to us. Though you have named us friends, we have neglected our relationship with you. Though you have given your gifts to us, we too often fail to acknowledge what we have received. Grasp hold of us and give us the strength to love and to share with you and with each other. Hear 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

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

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

Romans 1:16-17

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Dan Schutte
(b.1947)

These alone are enough
Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.
I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.

I return to you your gifts untold.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

When the darkness falls on my final days,
take the very breath that sang your praise.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

What should we not do with God?

David Gray

*HYMN 280

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

James Whitbourn
(b. 1963)

Give us the Wings of Faith
Give us the wings of faith to rise,
Within the veil, and see.
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their vict'ry came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his Death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, foll'wing their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

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 446

Austrian Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Dieterich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of November 3

Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall & 10:30 a.m. in-person and online

All Saints Sunday | Communion

8:30 a.m. Pastor David Gray

10:30 a.m. Special Music featuring Bach's Christ Lag in Todesbanden

8:30 a.m. A more casual service in Covenant Hall

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

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Save the date for November 17

Please join Bethesda Jewish Congregation (BJC), Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (BHPC), and the Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center (MIIC) on Sunday, November 17 for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Brunch.



We will worship with members of three faiths at 10:30 am. and invite you to stay for a delicious brunch at 11:30 am.

One of the traditions of our interfaith effort is to collect food for Thanksgiving meals in support of families in our area! This year we will make donations to two separate groups: The National Center for Children and Families (across the street at 6301 Greentree Road) and Faith Presbyterian Church in Anacostia.

Bring the food list from the attached announcement with you on your next trip to the grocery store and deliver your contribution to Memorial Hall in 6601 Bradley Boulevard by Saturday, November 9, so the youth can organize everything in preparation for the Interfaith Assemble-a-Basket activity on November 10 (this activity is organized by our youth leaders; watch for their email). Basket assembly will also take place on the day of the Brunch on November 17 for our friends at the National Center for Children and Families; food contributions will be accepted at the Brunch.

You may also provide a monetary donation that enables us to include grocery store gift cards for each family to purchase a turkey or other perishable items for their meal by donating one or more \$25 gift cards from Giant or through a direct financial contribution payable to either BJC or BHPC with "Thanksgiving Drive" as the memo. Please deliver gift cards to Rosanna Howard in the BHPC office or Amy Kertesz in the BJC office.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Interfaith Service!

The Youth of the
Inter-Congregational Partnership

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

We would love your help in providing
Thanksgiving meals to families in need

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Canned Gravy
Any Canned Fruit
Canned Beans, Corn
Box of Stuffing Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Corn Bread Mix

Cake Mix w/ Frosting
Cans of Soup
White Rice
Canned Yams
Mashed Potatoes
Mac and Cheese

Items Will Be Collected

**OCT 20–
NOV 9**

Drop Off Location

Memorial Hall
6601 Bradley Blvd.
Bethesda, MD

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Email Rosanna Howard
rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org

The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee Invites You



Interfaith

Thanksgiving Worship & Brunch

Sunday, November 17, 2024

6601 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda, MD

Interfaith Service: 10:30 a.m. | Brunch: 11:30 a.m.



Join together in worship with members of three faiths
as we celebrate our common spirit.

6601 Worship Partners

Bethesda Jewish Congregation
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center



Brunch (Registration Required)

\$20 Adults | \$5 for 12 and under
Must purchase tickets in advance
Register by November 13



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 November begins with the privilege of electing our governing officials and ends with Thanksgiving. During this month the adult education lay ministry programs will emphasize the great commandment of Christ's ministry: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

November 3 – Just Migration The movement of people is a human experience that stretches across human existence. It is experience filled with survival, hope, and challenge that we continue to face into modern times. As immigration takes center stage in the political landscape in the United States, how can our faith provide a framework as we engage such an important issue? By using Mark 12:28-34 of "loving your neighbor" as a foundation, we will talk about biblical storytelling regarding movements of peoples and a call to welcome. We will also look at Presbyterian social witness policy history to shape the discussion as well. The goal of this time together is to better understand the landscape today as we dive into the topic of migration. Amanda Craft, manager of Immigration advocacy in the Office of the General Assembly, will lead the discussion. As national staff, Amanda trains leaders in immigration advocacy policy efforts in their contexts through work guided by immigrant-led organizations and interfaith coalitions.

November 10 - Countering Islamophobia One Fact at a Time: The Role of Education and Media Literacy. Join us as Dr. Sahar Khamis helps us uncover and counter misunderstandings about the teaching and practices of Islam that have been used to foment Islamophobia. Dr. Khamis is an advanced Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Maryland, College Park, an Affiliate Professor of Women's Studies and an Affiliate Professor in the "Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity," a media host, international media commentator and analyst, and a former human rights commissioner in the Human Rights Commission in Montgomery County, Maryland. She is the current President of AUSACE (Arab-US Association for Communication Educators) and the Chair of the Spiritual Communication Division at NCA (National Communication Association).

Bradley Hills Welcomes New Members

Nancy Cooper



Nancy moved to Bethesda 10 years ago. She is a retired educator and lover of music, theater, and sports. Nancy plays tennis and tends to her small garden in the lovely retired life.

She is a native of Iowa and lived 21 years in London before returning to the USA, settling here.

Ben Franklin



Ben is a native of Marietta, Georgia, and grew up in the Presbyterian Church there. After his undergraduate days at Duke University, and a few false starts, he found his career as a Clinical Psychologist, which proved to be fulfilling and challenging.

Ben has two daughters, one of whom, Amanda, is a member of BHPC, along with her husband David. Ben recently moved to Chevy Chase from Shepherdstown, WV,

Nina Enegren and Greg Melus



The Melus family recently moved to Bethesda from Chevy Chase with their two children. Greg is from DC and works as an attorney at the firm Shulman Rogers. Nina is from Sweden and “taking a break” from her career to care for their two small children Fredrik and Juliet. They are excited to join BHPC and participate in the community.

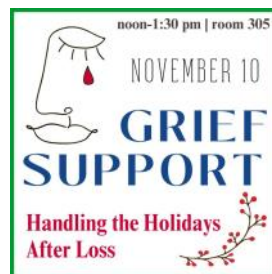
Cindy Karst - Picture and bio will be in upcoming BHX

Grief Support Workshop: Handling the Holidays after Loss

Sunday, November 10

12 p.m. until 1:30 pm

Room 305 (3rd Floor)



The holiday season is just around the corner. We know that this can be a difficult time of year for those who are grieving the loss of someone they love. If you'd like support to help you get through this year's holidays, we invite you to join us to gain insights on how you can handle the holidays after loss by:

- Considering what aspects of the holidays are important to you this year
- Considering what traditions are important to maintain this year
- Considering what you might be open to doing differently this year
- Considering how you can be kind, gentle, and patient with yourself this holiday season

All are welcome.

Contact Pastor Denise for additional information at denise@bradleyhillchurch.org

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 7 PM

Anyone interested or planning to attend either the Winter Retreat or the Confirmation Retreat should plan to attend the meeting to get information about the trips.



Interfaith Works Partnership - Monthly Dinners

*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.

Bradley Hills partners with Interfaith Works to provide dinner once a month to Becky's House, a shelter for eight women and Lon's House, a home for eight men both located in Rockville.

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.

Questions, please contact Jennifer Kline - jennkline0329@gmail.com or 614-802-9537



Sign up to
serve a meal
at Becky's



Sign up to
serve a meal
at Lon's

Flower Dedication

“With thanks for the beautiful flowers arranged by the Flower Guild.”

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 or Dee Llewellyn to at gjee@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.

A Note From Stewardship

Dedication Sunday is November 10.

Remember to bring your pledge card on November 10 and join us as we bring our pledges forward in worship on Dedication Sunday, a sacred act of love and commitment in the Bradley Hills tradition.

(If you can't come to church in person on November 10 you may submit your pledge on Realm or by email or drop it off at the Church office. If you prefer to use one of those alternatives, we will provide cards November 10 so that you can participate in bringing pledges forward during the worship service.)



Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD 20817



Text Giving

Mobile Giving



Download the Realm
Connect App



Realm Giving

www.bradleyhillchurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Bradley Hills Nursery School Update

Halloween is spooktacular at BHPCNS! Our littles goblins parade our hallways wearing hand-made masks. Meanwhile, in the office, we are planning for the 2025-2026 school year registration process.

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.



A Music Note

Give us the wings of faith is a setting of Isaac Watts's exquisite poem originally written in the first person, 'Give me the wings of faith to rise,' and was commissioned by the BBC. The poem has a visionary quality to it, but expressed in a direct way. – *James Whitbourn*

The Chorale **Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott**, *BuxWV184* is based on the melody associated with Luther's paraphrase of Psalm 46 ('God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble'). Thought to have been adapted by him from a plainsong source, it was published with the text in 1531. Richly ornamented, the melody is given as usual to the right hand, the relatively simple three-voice accompaniment to the left hand and feet.

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Sheldon J. Krys (friend of Ed Hummers) who died on October 18.
- The family of Dagmar Georgiev whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection is on Sunday, October 27, at 1:00 pm, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.
- The family of Douglas Rigler whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection is on Sunday, November 3, at 1:30 pm, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- All blessings and congratulations to Tracy Rankin on the birth of granddaughter Emilia Rose.

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.
- Tina (Allyson McKinney Timm's friend) for healing, full recovery, and total well-being.
- Linda Cox (mother-in-law of Ian Scroggs) who had surgery on October 18.
- Becky Sczudlo requests continued prayers for her husband, Walter—for healing, strength to walk, and fortitude.
- Anna for continued healing.
- Pam Hammers who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Those facing challenging issues and/or difficult decisions.

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.
- The people in the Middle East, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia.
- 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.
- 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).

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.

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

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 to ask questions or sign up.

Our Staff

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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

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 am: Pastor Denise Diabb

10:30 am: 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

December 15 | Lessons and Carols

December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray



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