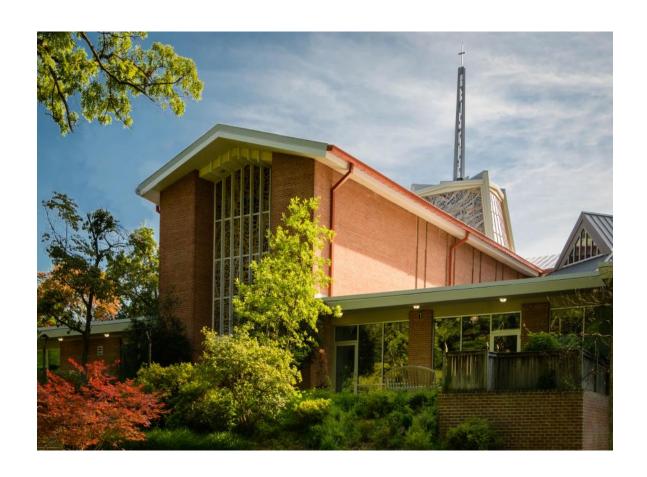
EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.





Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church Dedication Sunday November 10, 2024 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 to set up a time.

Upcoming New Members Join: December 15, 2024

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

GATHERING MUSIC Bradley Ringers Sharon Elery Rogers

Joy Bells

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Lantern Chorale Benjamin Britten
The Birds (1913-1976)

When Jesus Christ was four years old,

The angels brought Him toys of gold,

Which no man ever had bought or sold.

And yet with these He would not play.

He made Him small fowl out of clay,

And bless'd them till they flew away:

Tu creasti, Domine. [You created them, Lord.]

Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise,

Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,

And bring my soul to paradise.

Lord, lead us day by day arr. Hal Hobson

*HYMN 414 Forest Green

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED Pastor David Gray

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Angel Gift Tree Melissa Kallas

CONFESSING & PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are always true to us in love. Yet we know we are left wanting to say sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish and share your gifts. O God, enable us to change, that we may dedicate ourselves to you...

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Lord, have mer-ey up-on us. Christ, have mer-ey up-on us. Lord, have mer-ey 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.

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 and 1st Graders

Milestone - Lord's Prayer

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 From Jeremiah 29 Patty Howie

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Out of the depths

Kile Smith
(b.1956)

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:

I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

SERMON Who holds the future? David Gray

*HYMN 276 Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Creator)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

We believe in the triune God, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS—INVITATION FOR PLEDGES, TITHES, & OFFERINGS 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.

*Sharing Our Commitments

Come forward in body or spirit and make a pledge or lift up a prayer of commitment. You may also pledge online.

OFFERTORY

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O How Amiable

Oh How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in this house: They will be always praising thee.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

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:

Response for Celebrations:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

One: With thanksgiving,

All: Hear our prayers.

All: We praise the Lord.

Said in unison.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - THE LORD'S PRAYER

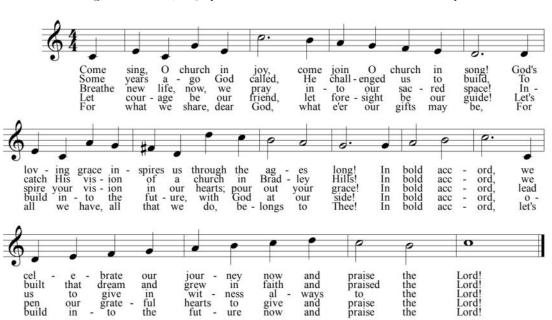
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 430 Darwall's 148th

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Words by Susan Bowis



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Double Fugue in G Major

William Boyce (1711--1779)

^{*}PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

COFFEE HOUR: Today's coffee hour will be in honor of all veterans who have served our country. Deacons will be providing a special cake.

Preview of November 17

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

Preacher: Pastor Denise Diaab 10:30 a.m. Interfaith Worship

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

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

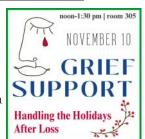
10:30 a.m. Our traditional service with music from the Chancel Choir and Church School for our little ones through 5th grade.

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Grief Support Workshop: Handling the Holidays after Loss

Today—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.

2025 Stewardship Growing Joyfully

Please join us in Making a Pledge to Support BHPC Financially in 2025!

Sunday, November 10, is Dedication Sunday. It is a chance to bring forward as an act of worship our completed 2025 pledge card with the amount we prayerfully hope to give next year to support the ministries of the church. If you think you are planning to give something financially to Bradley Hills in 2025, we ask that you make a pledge, or estimate of that amount, so that our board can put together a budget for the church. Most of BHPC's income to do all the meaningful ministries and faithful activities of the church comes from pledges. Pledge cards were mailed to many of you, and there will be some in the pews this Sunday.

Join us in praying in gratitude for the ways God will work through BHPC in 2025 and beyond! Your commitment to praying, serving, and supporting God's church makes such a difference.

You may also submit your pledge on Realm, by email or drop it off at the church office. If you prefer to use one of those alternatives, we will provide cards in todays service so that you can participate in bringing pledges forward during the worship service.

And one easy way to make a confidential pledge is to email our financial manager Jan Spencer at <u>jan@bradleyhillschurch.org</u>.



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



Angel Gift Tree

Sign-Up: November 10-December 1 Gifting: November 24-December 8

BHPC Mission Coordination Lay Ministry is happy to announce that we will be participating in Angel Gift Tree again this Christmas season!

Give a gift to a child or senior citizen by signing up for a name, picking out a gift, and bringing it wrapped to the gift tables in the Sanctuary. BHPC families are invited to participate to teach children about the gift of giving to others.



Names and gift ideas will be available for sign-up during coffee hour in Covenant Hall.

The dates to sign up are November 10, November 24, and December 1. The gifts can be placed in the Sanctuary starting on November 24. Gifts are due by Sunday morning, December 8. (Note that gifts will not be collected on Interfaith Sunday.) Names are provided to us through the Women's Collective and Dennis Avenue Health Center.

Alternative Giving

November 24-December 31

Give the gift of giving this season to your friends, loved ones, and coworkers! BHPC Mission Coordination Lay Ministry will be offering 17 important and vetted charities and organizations that need your support.

Alternative Giving will be available to make donations in Covenant Hall and online on November 24.

Questions for Angel Gift Tree or Alternate Giving? Contact Elizabeth St. John at estjohn20903@gmail.com or Bonnie Holcomb at bkholcomb@gmail.com for more info.

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 shall love thy neighbor as thyself."

November 17 - Interfaith Sunday - There will be no adult ed program as we encourage all members to support the coming together of three faiths at the 10:30 worship service, the hands-on service project opportunity, and the luncheon.

November 24 -Recognizing and Countering Antisemitism Rabbi Eric Abbott is the Spiritual Leader of the Bethesda Jewish Congregation with whom we share our sacred space. We have invited Rabbi Abbott to help us explore how we can better recognize and counter the subtle and overt manifestations of antisemitism in our media, immediate community, and national culture.

Rabbi Eric L. Abbott, the spiritual leader Bethesda Jewish Congregation, graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a B.A. in Judaic Studies. He earned his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in 2018, as well as an MA in Hebrew Literature in 2017 and an MA in Religious Education in 2016. Among other positions, Rabbi Abbott served as the Senior Jewish Educator at Johns Hopkins Hillel in Baltimore, Maryland.

Interfaith Brunch Help Needed

Interested in helping with set up, clean up and/or providing food for the Interfaith Brunch? Sign up by using the QR code.





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OPEN TO ALL IMIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



MILESTONE BIBLE WORKSHOP

EXPLORING THE BIBLE FOR 3RD GRADERS

NOVEMBER 14 & 24 AT 9:15AM | ROOM 303



- **LED BY STEVE** BURNS
- PARENTS & KIDS **LEARN TOGETHER**
- BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR PARTICIPATING CHILDREN

REGISTER



<u>Interfaith Works Partnership - Monthly Dinners</u>

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

In memory of Herb Dorsey on his 84th birthday, by his wife Carol and sons Patrick and Michael.

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 gjdee@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.

BHPC 70th Anniversary Celebration Schedule

Here are some of the activities we look forward to next year:

January 12 - Kickoff with Discussion of the Symbols of BHPC
February 23 - Former BHPC Pastor Susan Andrews preaching
April 6 - 50th anniversary recognition of the sanctuary organ
May 3 - 70th anniversary dinner celebration
May 4 - Barbara Brown Taylor preaching
September 21 - Welcome Back, Family focused, look to the future Sunday

Volunteers needed for May 3 dinner Contact Cliff Ty at CliffTy@aol.com or David Gray at david@bradleyhillschurch.org if interested in volunteering.



Ways to Give at BHPC



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Text Giving





Download the Realm Connect App



Realm Giving

www.bradleyhillschurch.org
Click the GIVE NOW button

Bradley Hills Nursery School Update

Priority Admission to one of Bethesda's best preschools for BHPC Members!

Did you know that BHPC members receive priority admission to BHPCNS? BHPCNS is a play-based nursery school located right here on the BHPC campus. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 come to BHPCNS to play, grow, and learn.



Our terrific staff of teachers make each day fun, educational, and exciting. Not only are children exposed to developmentally age-appropriate concepts, we also support each child's unique social-emotional development. To have your child join our program, call for a tour, 301-365-2909 or check our website, www.bhpcns.org for more information.

A Music Note

English composer and organist Ralph (pronounced Raef) Vaughan Williams is known for his contributions towards the musical canon of the Anglican Church, the Neo-Tudor movement he and his contemporaries created, as well as his activities as an ethnomusicologist. Early in his career, he would travel through the English countryside recording folk-songs with a recording machine approximately the size of a small refrigerator strapped to his back. *O how amiable* features both folk-like choral writing as well as more traditional choral writing that would have felt familiar in church.

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Steve Dubik (friend of Bebe McMeekin) whose wife Barbara died on October 22.
- The family of Helen Bales Fullmore (Denise's best friend's mother) who died on November 7 at 102.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- Congratulations and all blessings to Brian and Jessica Nolan on the birth of their daughter Blake Erica Nolan.
- The special music last Sunday (Bach's Cantata BWV 4, Christ lag in Todesbanden) by the Chancel Choir, accompanied by the Relic Orchestra, under the direction of Matthew Robertson was especially meaningful as we celebrated All Saints Day.

We hold in God's healing presence those who pain, ill health or 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.
- Akiko (Susan Nordeen's mother) for healing and full recovery of a broken hip and wrist resulting from a fall.
- Katherine Rigler for healing and full recovery from injuries received in an automobile accident.
- Tina (Allyson McKinney Timm's friend) for full recovery and total well-being.
- Walter Scuzdlo (Becky Scuzdlo's husband) for comfort and healing and for strength for Becky.
- Anna for continued healing.
- Pam Hammers who is recovering from shoulder surgery and receiving physical therapy.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people are experiencing hurt and division:

- Prayers for healing and unity for our country.
- 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.
- 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 (<u>denise@bradleyhillschurch.org</u>).

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) | 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

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.

Angel Gift Tree | Starts November 10

Children, Youth, & Family Programs

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 the 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

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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 17 | Interfaith Sunday

8:30 am: Pastor Denise Diaab

10:30 am: Muslim, Jewish and Christian Worship

November 24 | Reign of Christ 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 11 | Blue Christmas

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

December 15 | Lessons and Carols

December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

December 24 | Christmas Eve Service

Service Times: 4pm - Family Pageant

6pm and 10pm - Candlelight service/David preaching



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