



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
January 26, 2025
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.

A new member class will be held February 2, after worship and new members will join February 16. Classes will also be offered March 9 and March 16 after worship and new members will join March 23.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

O Gott, du Frommer Gott

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: We are all called to worship God.

All: For God loves us dearly.

One: We are welcomed into the body of Christ.

All: For there is one body and one Spirit,

One: Just as we are called to the one hope of our calling.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 429

v. 1-2 & 5

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

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.

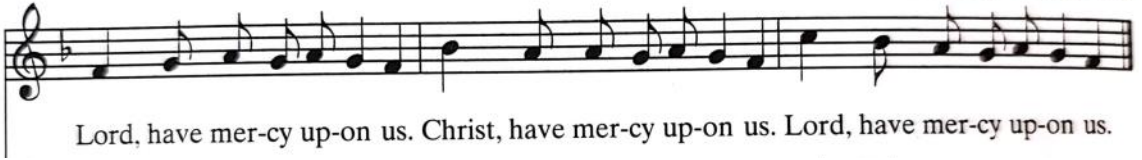
CONFESSING & PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Loving God, we know that there is one body and one spirit. That we are called by the same spirit into ministry and service. Yet we have acted timidly instead of boldly, selfishly instead of compassionately, and sinfully rather than rightly. Help us to honor the gifts in others and those that you have given to us, so that we might follow your calling into the church and world. We pray as we confess...

Silence for personal confession

KYRIE



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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCYF 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

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 11:16-30

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Gather For Me 70”

David Gray

***HYMN 339**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Ordination & Installation of Officers Litany

One: There are different gifts,

All: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through people in different ways,

All: **But it is the same God who achieves God’s purpose through them all.**

One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: **To use it for the common good.**

PRESENTATION OF NEW OFFICERS

SIGNING OF THE CROSS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

EXTENSION OF HANDS

PRAYER FOR THE NEW OFFICERS

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED & INSTALLED

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.



OFFERTORY

Tune: “Prospect” from Southern Harmony 1835
adapted Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

The Road Home
Tell me where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, So long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh when will I know
There’s a way, there’s a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there’s a calling
From far away,
There’s a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away is the call,
With love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
as where you belong,
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you 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.

The congregation may be seated.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

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 435

We All Are One In Mission

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, *Op. 122, No. 4*

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of February 2

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Communion | New Member Class

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

9:15 a.m. Adult Education in the Lounge and on Zoom. *Childcare included.*

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

New Member Class | BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community! A new member class will be held in the library February 2, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service and new members will join February 16.

Annual Meeting | The annual meeting of the BHPC congregation and corporation will be Sunday, February 9 after worship at 11:30 in the Sanctuary and online. The meeting will focus on receiving the annual budget, voting on pastors terms of call, reviewing the 2024 year and plans for 2025, and to consider any other business that is in order.

Lenten Small Groups Register by February 9

As we gradually move into the new year, do you find yourself making promises and resolutions to do better in 2025: slowdown, get more rest, spend more quality time with family and friends, stop overspending and overcommitting? If you would you like to let go of those things that are robbing you of a more joyful life and embrace those things that nourish you physically, mentally, and spiritually, **Lenten small groups are for you!**



Whether the Lenten journey is brand new to you, or you're an annual pilgrim, I invite you to join us as we explore *A Different Kind of Fast* (by Christine Valters Paintner) to "help us identify those patterns and habits that distract us from the fullness of life and open up space for the feast that awaits each of us."



To learn more and register, scan the QR code!

Appeal for Household Items for Refugees

In recent events, the new administration has stopped admitting refugees and asylum seekers. There are still many refugee families in our area waiting to move into apartments in the next few weeks. Homes Not Borders has increased their efforts to furnish as many apartments as possible with the help of donations and volunteers.

The most urgently needed items: ANY kitchen items, especially pots and pans, electric kettles, stove top pressure cookers, stock pots, etc., twin sheet sets (preferably new), side tables, coffee tables, dressers (will arrange pick up). A family we know is looking for a small couch in good condition. All items need to be in good condition without scratches or stains. We can transport anything that fits into an SUV.

Please contact **Brigitte Burgett** at bkburgett@gmail.com with questions or to set up donations.

Upcoming Adult Education

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

February 2: Combating Racism in and Through Education and Mentorship Dr. Percy Pierre, currently the Glen L. Martin Professor at the University of Maryland School of Engineering, is a trailblazer in engineering. He was the first African American to earn a doctorate in Electrical Engineering (from Johns Hopkins in 1967.) His impressive career includes several pivotal roles: Dean of the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Sciences at Howard University; Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development, and Acquisition; and Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at Michigan State University. In 1973, he initiated the National Academy of Engineering's national minority engineering effort, along with a parallel initiative at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Throughout his career, Dr. Pierre has dedicated himself to creating opportunities for underrepresented minority groups, working tirelessly to open doors for others to follow. These efforts achieved notable success until the end of 1999 but have plateaued since then, signaling a need for renewed focus. Dr. Pierre will engage in a conversation with Carol Starr, a member of BHPC, who has worked to combat Racism and improve the quality of teaching and learning systemically and systematically throughout Montgomery County Public Schools and nationwide, working with the National Institute for School Leadership. The discussion will highlight Dr. Pierre's groundbreaking work and address the ongoing need to advance equity and inclusion in engineering and beyond.

February 9 - Associate Pastor Denise Diaab will introduce us to *A Different Kind of Fast* by Christine Valters Paintner, a book that "helps us identify those patterns and habits that distract us from the fullness of life and open up space for the space for the feast that awaits each of us." These themes provide the focus for Lenten Small Group discussions during Lent.

Interested in past Adult Education recordings? Scan the QR code.



Bradley Hills
Family
SCAVENGER
Hunt

Lunch included

SUNDAY JANUARY 26



MEET IN
MEMORIAL
HALL

NOON



✝ The Milestone
Workshop
for Second Graders
on Worship



Jan 26

Feb 2

Feb 9

9:15-10:15 am



Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd



Text Giving

Mobile Giving



Download the Realm



Realm Giving

www.bradleyhillschurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Here we are, marching joyfully into a whole new year! As we move forward in mission, service and faith, the support of our family in making pledges allows Bradley Hills to plan our paths of aid and support to so many projects, both in our church and in God's world outside. It's never too late to pledge to God's missions. Just contact jan@bradleyhillschurch.org or fill out a pledge card from the literature rack in the Narthex and drop it in the offering plate. Every gift counts!

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. **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 gidee@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.

Flower Dedication | From Pat and Lou Kallas - with gratitude for the church members who volunteer to do the hard work.

A Year of

Celebration

Coming 2025

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/70th



BHPC 70th Anniversary Celebration Schedule

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

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

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations, including:

- Congratulations to Liz Sobrino (BHNS Director) on the birth of her first grandchild, Sebastian Popkin-Sobrino Goffman, baby and parents are doing well.
- Nineteen youth and four adults had a meaningful experience at the NCP Youth Winter Retreat.

We hold in God's healing presence those who suffer pain, ill health or other concerns, including:

- Jan Hurt (Rosanna Howard's mother) who fell and hit her head; prayers for well-being.
- James and Jonathan (Rosanna Howard's sons) who are recovering from the flu.
- Linda Kauskay for healing and well-being.
- Elizabeth St. John for healing and full recovery from surgery.
- Todd McCreight for health and well-being.
- Dick Tustian for health and well-being.
- Anna for continued healing.
- Katherine Rigler for healing and full recovery.
- 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:

- For federal workers who are anxious about possible loss of employment.
- For our new President and administration and for our country.
- For safety and compassion for undocumented refugee families.
- For everyone affected by all the wildfires in Southern California.
- For successful implementation of the Gaza ceasefire-hostage agreement.
- For the people in the South Korea, Syria, Palestine, Israel, 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 (denise@bradleyhillchurch.org).

Get Involved 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

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

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

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

You are invited to shop for your children/grandchildren at our Scholastic Book Fair January 28th-January 31st from 8:15am-9:30am and 11:15am-1:00pm each day. Help spread the joy of reading and create lifelong readers with a book.

BHPCNS registration process for our 2025-2026 school year has begun. Members of BHPC receive special registration consideration. To learn more about BHPCNS, our affordable rates, our registration process, and so much more, call us at 301-365-2909 or visit our website at www.bhpcns.org.



Our Staff

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
Director of Financial Ministries	Jan Spencer	jan@bradleyhillschurch.org
Facilities Manager	Farid Beltran	farid@bradleyhillschurch.org
Office Manager	Kristen Abbott	kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org
Coordinator of External Communication	Beth Beisel	beth@bradleyhillschurch.org
Coordinator for Spiritual Life	Gail Brown	polserbrown@hotmail.com
Pastoral Counselors	Samantha Steinfeld	samantha.steinfeld@imagocenterdc.com
	Tory Joseph	victoria.joseph@imagocenterdc.com
Nursery School Director	Liz Sobrino	lsobrino@bhpcns.org 301-365-2909
Friends Club Director	Ken Silverstein	ken@friendclubbethesda.org (301) 469-0070

Sextons - Juan Mendez, Leonel Bruno, Juan E. Mendez and Jorge Miranda

Child Caregivers - Nora Mendez, DelCarla Shorter and Liz Allen

Parish Associates - Wally Harman and Jong Mi Lee

Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland

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

February 2 | Communion

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

February 9 | Annual Meeting

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

February 16

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

February 23

Preaching: Former BHPC Pastor Susan Andrews

March 2 | Transfiguration Sunday | Communion

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

March 5 | Ash Wednesday

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

March 9 | First Sunday of Lent

Preaching: Pastor David Gray



bradleyhillschurch.org

6601 Bradley Blvd. ▪ Bethesda, MD 20817 ▪ 301-365-2850
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. to 1