



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
February 2, 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](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 to set up a time.

A new member class will be held today, 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

Communion, *Op. 15, No. 1*

Alexandre Guilmant  
(1837-1911)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jong Min Lee

One: Where could I go, where could I run

All: Even if I found the strength to fly

One: If I rose on the wings of the dawn

All: If I crashed through the corners of the sky

One: If I sailed past the edge of the sea

All: Even if I made my bed in Sheol

One: Still there You would find me

All: Nothing is beyond You

One: Praise be to God

- adapted from "Nothing is Beyond You" by Rich Mullins

### \*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

### 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      70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

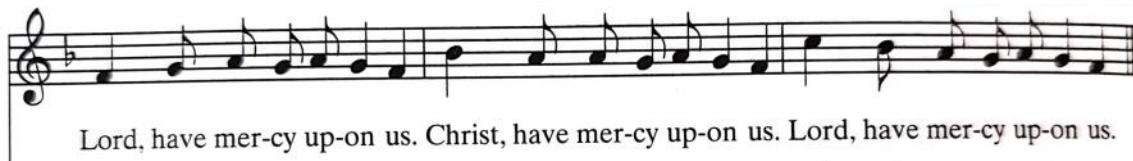
## CONFESSING & PRAISING

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose divisions condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray....

*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

*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

Genesis 46: 1-7; 26-30

Elder Bob Reutershan

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

God, Our Help in Ages Past

David Gray

### \*HYMN 210

vs. 1 & 5

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

### 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

Behold, the tabernacle of God  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all,  
And the spirit of God dwelleth within you:  
For the temple of God is holy,  
Which temple ye are:  
For the love of whom ye do this day  
Celebrate the joys of the temple  
With a season of festivity.  
Alleluia.

William H. Harris  
(1883-1973)

## **\*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 FAITH - SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **Invitation to the Table**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP**

One: The gifts of God given for all.

All: For all.

## **\*SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the spirit's tether

(1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether  
For when humbly in your name  
Two or three are met together,  
You are in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

As disciples used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the giver  
Break the bread and bless the cup.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Touch we now your garment's hem.

So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of you,  
That by caring, helping, giving  
We may be disciples true,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve thee faithfully.

*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 442

*vs. 1-2, 4-5*

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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## Preview of February 9

Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall and 10:30 a.m. in-person and online  
Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Annual Congregational Meeting

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

**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.

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## 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!*



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**A Music Note** | *Behold, the tabernacle of God* is a well-loved staple of the choral repertoire, with a reputation well-deserved for its beauty and transcendental sonic landscape. A contemporary of the well-loved English composers Herbert Howells and Ralph Vaughan Williams, Harris, in this short anthem captures both the transcendental and mystical aspects of the texts, aptly depicting the holiness and mystery of ‘the tabernacle of God.’

The anthem, *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, was written in 1945 by one of America's most influential church musicians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Harold Friedell, during his tenure as organist-choirmaster at New York's Calvary Episcopal Church. Written as a communion hymn for Pentecost Sunday, this anthem text is based off of a hymn composed by Percy Dearmer. The text beautifully links the singer with the disciples who gathered with Christ at the table. We are joined by a “tether”- an archaic word but an appropriate image of the work of the Holy Spirit that links Christians of every time and place at the table. In the final stanza, Dearmer makes a beautiful and powerful statement that “All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee.” Through “caring, helping, giving, we may truly disciples be.” Thus, the hymn begins in the upper room with the disciples and comes full circle as we join them around the table and are nourished to serve others in the world.

## 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 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  
Presbyterian Church  
— 1955-2025 —

## Upcoming events:

**February 23** - Former BHPC Pastor Susan Andrews preaching

**April 6** - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognition of the sanctuary organ

**May 3** - 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner celebration

**May 4** - Barbara Brown Taylor preaching

**September 21** - Welcome Back, Family focused,  
look to the future Sunday

Scan QR  
code to  
learn more:





Bradley  
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P A R E N T S

# Valentine's Day NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 14

Enjoy a kid-free

Valentine's Celebration!

**LEAVE THE KIDS WITH US!**

For children ages 2-12 years.

They'll enjoy pizza and fun

with the Youth Group.

**You get a night off!**

Drop Off: 5:00 pm  
Pick Up: 9:30 pm

\$40 for one child  
\$20 for each  
extra child

Purchase Tickets  
in Realm

A fundraiser for the BHPC  
Youth Group's summer trips.

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## Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd



Text Giving

Mobile Giving



Download the Realm



Realm Giving

[www.bradleyhillchurch.org](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org)

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Poet Maya Angelou has said, “If you live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can’t be erased.” Making such a mark here at Bradley Hills can be as simple as remembering one or more of the church Endowment Funds in your estate plans. A Legacy Gift will light the way for future generations!

And if you have included a planned gift to Bradley Hills in your will, trust, insurance policy or retirement plan but haven’t yet told us, please email [jan@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:jan@bradleyhillchurch.org) so that you can be included in the Lantern Legacy Circle.

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## 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](mailto:ccdale@gmail.com) or Dee Llewellyn to at [gidee@aol.com](mailto: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.

THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM OF  
NCP INVITE YOU TO

# ALLYSHIP TRAINING 2025

led by Service Never Sleeps



an **IN-PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

**Saturday, February 8**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church**

Honors the Minister Member mandate and an opportunity for all employees and members of NCP churches, congregations, and partners.

**Lunch will be provided**

Led by Whitney Parnell, CEO and Founder of *Service Never Sleeps*, these sessions will provide helpful definitions, invitations to self-mirroring, and active ally education involving the **CLAIM** acronym: **C**are, **L**earn, **A**ct, **I**nfluence, and **M**aintain. The workshops teach individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others. Our **IN-PERSON** time together will involve breakouts for practice together in pairs and small groups intermittently throughout our time of learning, so come ready to "try on" the Ally Training strategies of *Service Never Sleeps*.

*Scan the QR to  
register:*



Contact Pastor Denise at  
[denise@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:denise@bradleyhillchurch.org) for

## Invitation from Interwoven Congregation

### **TED TALKS on Anti-racism**

Every Tuesday in February: 7-8 pm

Each session begins with a TED Talk of unforgettable stories followed by online fellowship and discussion about the ideas that were shared. Hope you'll join us!

Join on  
Zoom:



**Meeting ID:**  
897 5425 0795  
**Passcode:**  
593715

## **Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us**

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

- The family of Christian and Bonnie Peyer on the death of Dick Peyer (Christian's father) whose Celebration of Life will be held on February 15, at 2:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall.
- The families of those who died in the tragic midair aircraft collision at Reagan National Airport.

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

- The ordination of new Elders and Deacons.
- Congratulations and blessings to Sarah Todd and her family on the birth of granddaughter Evelyn Ann Todd on January 12 in Bozeman, Montana.

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

- Jason Malashevich (Linda Kauskay's son) who is recovering from bronchitis and 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 (daughter of Rebekah Liu and Paul Martin) who is having a procedure on her knee.
- Paul (Rebekah Liu's brother) as he begins treatment for pharyngeal cancer.
- Anna for continued healing.
- 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 feeling anxious about the uncertainty regarding their jobs.
- For the President and administration, for government leaders, and for our country.
- For safety and compassion for undocumented refugee families.
- For continued 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](mailto: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. | 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Lounge

## 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

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Thank you to everyone who voted for BHP CNS as Best  
Preschool in Best of Bethesda. We are proud to be awarded  
Readers' Pick, Finalist, Best Preschool again in 2025!

The classes are filling up fast for the 2025-2026 school year.  
BHP CNS is a play based preschool program for 2, 3, 4, and 5  
year-old children. BHP CNS has a strong emphasis on  
supporting each child's social-emotional development in a  
developmentally-age-appropriate way. For more information  
about our school or to arrange a tour, please call  
301-365-2909 or email us at [BHP CNS@yahoo.com](mailto:BHP CNS@yahoo.com). You can  
also check out our website at [www.bhpcns.org](http://www.bhpcns.org)!

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## 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), Kaylin 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

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

March 16 | Confirmation Sunday

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray