



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church March 30, 2025

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 to set up a time. Join next on April 13!

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILION PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Julia Anderson, CJ Kauffunger

GATHERING MUSIC

Emily Venkataraman

CALL TO WORSHIP (10:30)

Bradley Hills Lantern Chorale & Alleluia Singers Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

Little Grey Donkey

Little grey donkey,

Do you know just who it is you carry on your back?

"Tis no ordinary load, no mean or common pack.

You are blessed of all beasts to carry into town

Christ the Lord of Gallilese; He wears no earthly crown.

Little grey donkey,

Once you were a simple beast of poor and lowly state.

Christ Himself hath chosen you and honoured is your fate.

Through your path with palms is spread,

make haste along the way;

You were destined here to ride on this triumphal day.

Little grey donkey, Yonder is a grassy hill; its known as Calvary. Up against the cloudless sky a barren cross you see.

Little grey donkey, Little grey mare, don't hide your head in shame. For you bear the Lamb of God, and Jesus is His name.

CALL TO WORSHIP REMIX

Daniella Ngah and the Youth Group

*HYMN

If Anybody Asks You Who I Am

Spiritual

If anybody asks you who I am, who I am, who I am

If anybody asks you who I am, tell them I'm a Child of God

If anybody asks you who you are, who you are, who you are

If anybody asks you who you are, tell them you're a Child of God

If anybody asks you who we are, who we are, who we are

If anybody asks you who we are, tell them we're a Child of God

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

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

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONFESSING & PRAISING

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Wyatt Whisenhunt and Brendan Gray

WW: This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died

for us.

BG: In the name of Christ, I urge you: be reconciled to God.

WW: Are you thirsty for grace?

All: Yes!

BG: Are you hungry for mercy?

All: Yes!

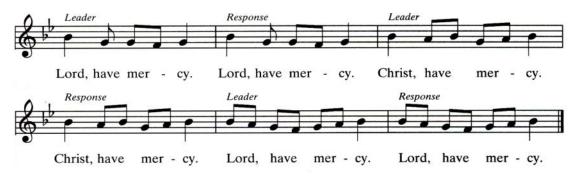
WW: God is calling.

BG: Come to the waters. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Silence for personal confession

KYRIE



One: We pray. **All: Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Walker Whisenhunt

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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCYFM Rosanna Howard, Cameron Gray, Eloise Scribner, Ben Venkataraman

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 the little children, all the children of the world; Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Rosie Kauffunger
Quinn Scribner

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (10:30) Bradley Hills Lantern Chorale Traditional Chinese Folk Melody
Make Me a Christian, Lord arr. Jody Lindh

Make me a Christian, Lord, May I learn and grow, Come, and dwell in me; Seeking right from wrong; Make my heart anew, Strengthen me each day, Let me your glory see. Make my commitment strong. Make me clean within, Love and joy and peace My soul purify, May my life proclaim; Make my purpose, Lord, May I always bring You to glorify. Honor to your name.

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

SERMON

Reflections from our Seniors:

Andrew Gray, Will Kauffunger, Simone Kang, Benjamin Scribner, Daniella Ngah

*HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

1) He's got the whole world in his hands.

2) He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. (Sing three times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

3) He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. . . . He's got the whole world in his hands.

- 4) He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . . . He's got the whole world in his hands.
- 5) He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . . He's got the whole world in his hands.
- 6) He's got everybody here in his hands. . . . He's got the whole world in his hands.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – FROM THE STATEMENTS OF FAITH OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025

Dominique Enguene

I believe God is the composer, and as the composer did for the music, God created us. We were created to live and laugh and love the same way music is meant to be played and enjoyed. God is the creator but God didn't create us to be perfect, God created us to make mistakes and trust in God's grace and love. God created us to trust in the Bible and the teachings of Jesus, and God created to us to love. But God also created us to cry. I believe that there are things about God that I don't understand.

Because God is so far beyond our understanding, Jesus provided a bridge through which we could understand God and trust that God was there for our good. I believe Jesus is the embodiment of the Christian community, the church personified. Jesus came to teach us, On how to live a good life, In the way that God intended.

I believe the Holy Spirit is coursing through us like our blood or like a never-ending waterfall giving us strength. I believe the Holy Spirit is the white holy flame at the heart of the universe, pumping it's grace everywhere. I believe that the Holy Spirit is the presence of God in our lives. It guides us and empowers us to live out our faith fully.

I believe the church is: People watching my back, Giving their support, Me giving mine, We are a team, A sense of belonging falls over all of us, we will always have a home in the church.

I believe that all of us — anyone and EVERYONE living on Earth, are children of God. We are all created in God's image, regardless of race, religion, views, actions, or other characteristics.

I believe that God is always there. She is like a candle shining whenever I really need light. She shines brighter than all the darkness.

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

Noemi Kana and Ellie Gray

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 MUSIC Bruce Bello

Bach Prelude in C major

***SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING**

*Doxology 591

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONCERN AND THANKSGIVING

Alex Mace and William Bruton

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.

For Everyone Born A2 E Leader or All 1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, 3 For young and for a place at the ta - ble, old, 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, A2 Bsus for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, a voice to be heard, a part in song, a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for give, to live with-out fear, and sim - ply be, E/G# a safe place for shel-ter, a space, grow - ing, pow - er, with wis-dom and grace, di - vid - ing the the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, a mind - set mer - cy, an - ger, in hurt, of work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, E Bsus Bsus for ev - ery - one born, star o - ver-head, for wom - an and man, a sys tem that's fair, for young and for old, the right be - long, to for just and un - just, a new way to live, ev - ery - one born, the right to be free, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION Refrain and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of and com-pas - sion and peace: yes, joy, will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, God E Fine A2 B sus B 3.

jus-tice and joy!

POSTLUDE

Lily Bello

Bach Minute in G major

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of April 6

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

Communion and Celebration of Organ and Sutherland Ministry

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

Upcoming Adult Education

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

April 6 and April 13 - Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy Jill Levine. During this Lenten season we will focus on unique aspects of Christ's unique ministry with two discussions led by Dianne Whitaker, Adult Education Lay Ministry leader,

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace.

Join Dianne Whitaker for a video presentation and discussion of the parables of Jesus. World-renowned New Testament scholar Dr. Amy Jill Levine discusses the Jewish tradition of short stories as a teaching tool with an emphasis on the provocative and disturbing nature of Jesus's parables.

April 6

Dr. Amy Jill Levine introduces the structure of parables as told through Luke 15: The Lost Coin, The Lost Sheep, and the Prodigal Son. We will look at different biblical translations and discuss Dr. Levine's analysis of these Parables. Time permitting, we will further explore Dr. Levine's analysis of the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

Action Forum | Today, March 30, 12:00 - 1:30 PM in the Library (Following Youth Sunday)

As part of the <u>PCUSA call</u> for compassionate coordinated church-wide response to the dismantling of public agencies, mass firings and funding stoppages. Bonnie Holcomb and Elizabeth St John, conveners. (Following appeals made in the Feb 9 Congregational meeting.)

Support for Workers

We are putting together resources to help members (federal workers for example) who face unexpected job challenges and even transitions during this time.

We have folks who have experience with HR and thinking broadly about jobs/resumes.

If we can be of support, contact David.





Everyone is invited to join on Sunday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m. to spruce up the church grounds for Spring! All levels of experience welcomed as we prep the grounds, clean up trash and plant some flowers. Meet outside following the 10:30 a.m. service. No heavy lifting required.

Questions? Reach out to Mike Kline at mpkline222@gmail.com.

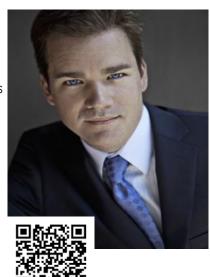
Ken Cowan, organ

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | 5:00 p.m.

Ken Cowan is regarded as one of North America's finest concert organists. Recent feature performances include appearances at Verizon Hall in Philadelphia with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Berlin Philharmonic, Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, Vienna Konzerthaus, Maison Symphonique in Montreal, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

Join Cowan for a performance on Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church's magnificent Holtkamp organ, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Scan the QR code to register!





Easter

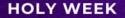
Sunday, April 20

9:15 AM & 11:15 AM

TWO IDENTICAL SERVICES
WITH BRASS QUINTET & CHANCEL CHOIR

Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM

Easter Coffee Hour After services



PALM SUNDAY April 13

8:30 & 10:30 am In-person & online

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17

7:30 pm In-person

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18

12 pm, contemplative service In-person7:30 pm: Chancel Players.

In-person & online



Easter Flower Sign-Ups

Through April 6

Purchase your Easter azaleas, hydrangeas, and lilies for \$25/plant! To place your order, sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex, scan the QR code, look for the link to the Sign-Up Genius in the weekly emails, or contact Bie Fox, Susan Vanderver, or anyone else on Flower Guild. Each plant purchased comes with a dedication that will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.





Upcoming 70th Anniversary Events:

April 6 – 50th anniversary recognition of the sanctuary organ

May 3 – 70th Anniversary Gala

May 4 - Barbara Brown Taylor preaching

September 21 – 70th Anniversary Welcome Back, Family

focused, look to the future Sunday

To learn more, scan the QR code:





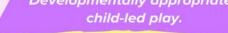
Music. Dance. Story.

For O to 3 years

Starting March 25

Tuesdays 9:15 - 10:30 am FREE with registration

Developmentally appropriate,



- Find support with fellow moms & dads
- Siblings welcome
- Judgment-free nursing
- **Build friendships**
- All parents in the neighborhood welcome!

REGISTER **TODAY!**



LOCATION

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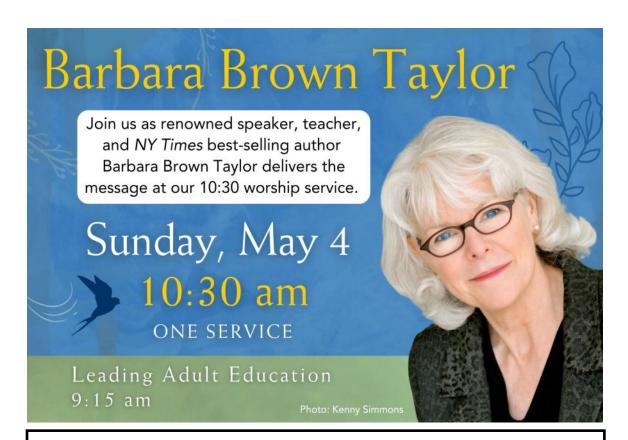
Enter at Door 15. Go to the Crib Room.



Questions? Contact Rosanna Howard rosanna@BradleyHillsChurch.org www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/baby-and-me

Blessing of the Animals





Lifting Up Memories

As part of our 70th anniversary celebration year, we will be celebrating our "present" this summer. We look to our past this spring, our future this fall, and our present this summer. As part of that present focus, we are hoping to lift up voices from our congregation – in music, in word and in memories.

We are interested in hearing your stories. Stories of BHPC's history, of what has been meaningful to you and of where you have found God in our midst over time. Some stories may be compiled over the summer and shared at our September 21 70th anniversary fall event. Others might be included in sermons. Still others of you may be interested in lifting up what we are calling "minutes for memory." Similar to minutes for ministry, these moments during the welcome part of worship this summer, might allow folks to share a memory from years past in worship. If you have memories to share, you may send notes, letters, emails or videos to David, or let him know if you have something for a minute of memory.

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



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Text Giving



Text "BHPC" to 73256

Mobile Giving



Download the Realm Connect App

Realm Giving



Access the **Bradley** Hills Giving Page

www.bradleyhillschurch.org Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Our grounds are beautiful this time of year. Thank you for your financial support and for all who volunteer their time and hard work to maintain them.

Remind Sign up for updates from Rosanna!

✓ BHPC Children & Families **✓** BHPC Youth



Pick a way to receive messages



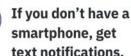
If you have a smartphone, get push notifications with the Remind App.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to one of the following links:

Children & Families: rmd.at/b62cc7g

Youth: rmd.at/2hh77h

Follow the instructions to sign up for your group on Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



Children & Families

Text the message @b62cc7g to the number 81010.

Youth

Text the message @2hh77h to the number 81010.

Don't have a mobile phone?

Go to rmd.at/2hh77h on a desktop computer.

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:

- The baptisms of Benjamin Patterson Scribner and Benjamin Colin Scribner.
- Welcoming new and returning members: Sarah, Cory (children Teddy and Casey) Fritz, Karen Rubin-Hamilton and Phil Hamilton.

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

- Marcia Hummers for comfort and total well-being.
- Ben Flowe for total well-being (visits, cards and emails welcomed—please text Peg regarding visits and copy her on emails to ensure that Ben receives them).
- Todd McCreight for health and well-being.
- Dick Tustian for health and well-being.
- Anna for continued healing.
- Paul (Rebekah Liu's brother) who completed his treatment for pharyngeal cancer.
- 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:

- All those in Myanmar and Thailand impacted by the 7.7 earthquake on March 28.
- All those impacted by the recent wildfires in North Carolina.
- All who are feeling anxious related to job loss and/or uncertainty regarding their job.
- All government leaders for wisdom to govern in the best interest and welfare of all the people.
- Safety and compassion for undocumented refugee families.
- The people in Bangladesh, Syria, Palestine, Israel, 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Throughout Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). Gifts to this offering support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks. You can also designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line of a check payable to BHPC or on Realm.

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 **Baby and Me** | Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Crib Room

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

Sign-Ups for Flower Dedications



<u>Scan the QR code to the left</u> 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.

Connect •Celebrate •Nurture •Serve •Steward

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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

April 6 | Communion | Celebration of Organ and Sutherland Ministry

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

April 13 | Palm Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

April 17 | Maundy Thursday | 7:30 p.m.

April 18 | Good Friday | Noon and 7:30 p.m.

April 20 | Easter Sunday | 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

April 27 | Blessing of the Animals | 8:30 a.m. outside

Creation Care Sunday | 10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor David Gray May 4 | One Service at 10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Barbara Brown Taylor

May 11 | 8:30 a.m. at the cross, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

May 18 | 8:30 a.m. at the cross, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

May 25 | One Service at 10:00 a.m. (through Labor day)

Preaching: Pastor Jong Lee





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