



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
April 13, 2025  
10:30 a.m. Service

## 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 to set up a time. New members join May 18.

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILION PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING MUSIC

Introduction-Choral, *Op. 25, No. 1, from Suite Gothique*

Leon Boëllmann  
(1862-1897)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor David Gray

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

**All: For God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: I trust in you, O Lord;

**All: I say, "you are my God."**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: We bless you from the house of the Lord;**

One: Bind the festal procession with branches.

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.**

### \*HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

David Gray

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

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dinner Ministry

Jennifer Kline

# CONFESSING & PRAISING

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us we pray. Help us to put our faith solely in you. Forgive us and heal us. Strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and follow Jesus into the way of the cross. Hear us as we confess...

*Silence for personal confession*

## KYRIE

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures: the first is labeled 'Leader' and the second and third are labeled 'Response'. The second staff has three measures: the first and second are labeled 'Response' and the third is labeled 'Leader'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).

One: We pray.  
All: Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: It is the Lord who helps us. Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. 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

*Following the Children's Message, all children are invited to remain with their families for the entire Palm Sunday worship. Children's bulletins and activity sheets are available in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children ages 3 and younger. Church school for ages 3 - 5th grade will resume after Easter.*

## 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

Luke 23:1-49

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

arr. Robert Fountain  
(1917-1996)

Ride On, King Jesus!

Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus! Ride!

Ride, conquering King,

I wanna go to heaven in the morning.

If you see my sister, Oh, yes!

Just tell her for me, Oh, yes!

I'm gonna ride my horse on the battlefield,

I wanna go to heaven in the morning.

If you see my brother, Oh, yes!

Just tell him for me, Oh, yes!

I'm gonna ride my horse on the battlefield,

I wanna go to heaven in the morning.

Refrain.

If you see my mother, Oh, yes!

Just tell her for me, Oh, yes!

I'm gonna ride my horse on the battlefield,

I wanna go to heaven in the morning.

Refrain.

## SERMON

Beyond the Festive Parade of Palms

Denise Diaab

## \*HYMN 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

*Lonesome Valley*

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN FAITH - Recognition of New Members

### RESPONSE IN 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 MUSIC

Agnus dei; from Mass in B minor, BWV 232

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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### \*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.

*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.

### 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 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane

*Redhead*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICATION

## SENDING MUSIC

Fugue in B Minor; *BWV 544*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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## Preview of April 20

### Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday

9:15 and 11:15 identical services in the Sanctuary | Brass Quintet and Chancel Choir |  
Easter Coffee Hour | Easter Egg Hunt | Preaching: Pastor David Gray



**MUSIC NOTE** | The music gathered into that vast compilation known as the Mass in B minor spans more than three decades of J.S. Bach's career. Bach himself never heard it from beginning to end, and the work remained unperformed in its entirety for over a century after Johann Sebastian prepared the final stage of his manuscript between August 1748 and October 1749. Not until almost the middle of the following century was a complete edition of the Mass published. Like many another work by Bach, it might have fallen into oblivion all too easily. In fact, the Mass in B minor also stands apart within the context of Bach's *modus operandi* when writing sacred music, which normally was geared toward pragmatic liturgical use. Bach seems to have conceived the Mass as a grand, "abstract" compilation – as an artistic and spiritual testament (perhaps a personal appeal to, or a gift for, God?)– although he did subdivide the score in such a way that it could be performed either in whole or in part. The *Agnus dei* is near the conclusion of the work, and is notable for his chromaticism, lyricism, and beauty.

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## 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 20 - NO Adult Education**

**April 27 -** Did Christ come solely for humanity, or did His liberating mission extend to all of creation? Did God truly grant us unchecked power and dominion over animals? What did John Calvin think of animals? Join us this Creation Care Sunday for a thought-provoking discussion and an introduction to Animal Theology! We will dive into what the Bible says about non-human animals, challenge human-centered views of creation, and explore the theme of liberation theology for animals and all of creation. We are pawisitively hopping to see you there! Han Setiawan, Han is an academically-trained scientist and a PC(USA) ministry inquirer/seminarian under the care of BHPC.

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## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people.

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.





# Easter

*Sunday, April 20*

9:15 AM & 11:15 AM

TWO IDENTICAL SERVICES

WITH BRASS QUINTET & CHANCEL CHOIR

Message: **Easter Hope for Unsettling Times**

REV. DR. DAVID GRAY

**Easter Egg Hunt**

10:30 AM



BHPC

# Easter Coffee Hour

IN MEMORIAL HALL FOLLOWING THE  
9:15 A.M AND 11:15 A.M  
WORSHIP SERVICES

Coffee | Beverages | Sweet and Savory Bites |  
Fellowship

 Bradley  
Hills  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 AM

*Sunday, April 20*





# Maundy Thursday

*Wandering Heart:  
Figuring Out Faith with Peter*

Message by Pastor Denise Diaab

April 17

7:30 pm, in-person  
With Communion



Experience "the way of sorrows" to the cross

- Follow Jesus to his death with Peter as our companion
- Imagine how we might have acted as one of Jesus' followers and friends
- Reflect on how we betray those we are called to serve and love
- Share Holy Communion
- Help carry the cross to the Cross Garden

Special music by Bob Deans and BHPC Section Leaders

# Good Friday

*Reflecting on the Sacrifice of Christ*

April 18

12:00 pm, in-person  
*an intimate, contemplative service*

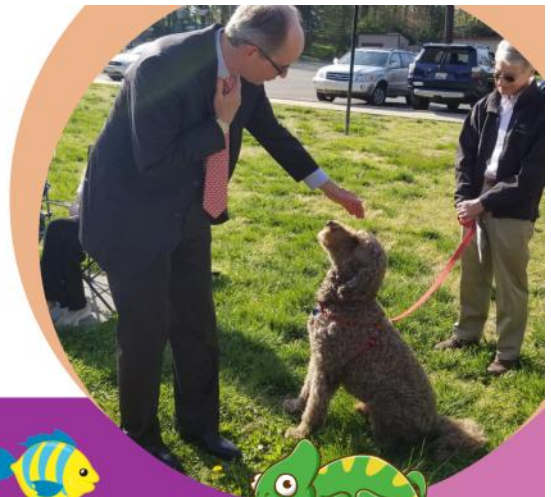
7:30 pm, in-person and online  
*with special Chancel Players offering & music*

Pastor David Gray

## Blessing of the Animals



SUNDAY APRIL 27  
8:30 am | Labyrinth



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Kornelia Nagy-Koppany** has lived and worked in the U.S. for over 40 years. Of Hungarian descent, she is a legal professional and the proud mother of two adult children, Karolina and Oliver. While living in Oceanside, New York, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where her son was baptized and her daughter received confirmation. In 2007, the family relocated to Bethesda, MD but it wasn't until early 2024, following a series of life-altering events

that Kornelia discovered BHPC. She was immediately moved by the warmth and welcoming spirit of the community and has been planning to join BHPC since last summer.



**The Quanes: Tom, Corinne, Adalyn (3), Esmae (3), and Jackson (6 months)** They moved to Bethesda, MD in 2022 from San Francisco, CA to raise their kids close to their families on the East Coast. Tom works as a finance executive at a financial services company, Koalafi, and Corinne works as a product manager for marketing software at Salesforce. Their twin daughters, Adalyn and Esmae, attend BHPCNS in the 3s program and love playing with new friends on the playground here. Jackson, 6 month old, is already trying to keep up with his older sisters. On the weekends, you can find them exploring local restaurants, cheering on sports teams, and chasing the kids around. They are so happy to be joining this community and look forward to getting to know more of you all!

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## Dinner Ministry

For many years Bradley Hills has fed the hungry through a ministry with shelters for those who would otherwise be homeless.

We have partnered 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.

There are 13 Sign-ups remaining available for 2025 – a simple meal is all that is needed – the joy it provides is considerable!

Questions, please contact Jennifer Kline –  
[jennkline0329@gmail.com](mailto:jennkline0329@gmail.com). 614-802-9537

Lon's House



Becky's  
House





Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church welcomes



# Barbara Brown Taylor

Sunday, May 4

10:30 am

Join us as renowned speaker, teacher, and *NY Times* best-selling author Barbara Brown Taylor delivers the message at our 10:30 worship service. She will lead adult education at 9:15 am.

*Included in Time magazine's 2014 list of 100 most influential people in the world.*

## AUTHOR

- *An Altar in the World:  
A Geography of Faith*
- *Learning to Walk in the Dark*
- *Holy Envy: Finding God in  
the Faith of Others*

## LOCATION

6601 Bradley Blvd.  
Bethesda, MD



Photo: Kenny Simmons



ICPC Invites You



# INTERFAITH Family Fun Day

MAY 18  
5PM - 7PM

Held rain or shine

## FUN ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Free Ice Cream
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Food for Purchase



*All are welcome +  
to join in the fun!*



## Bradley Hills is going social

**Gather. Inspire. Belong.**

Connect with your faith family all week long!  
Discover our new and improved social media.



Scan the QR  
code for links  
to our social  
media sites  
or go online:

- ✓ Fun photos
- ✓ Behind-the scenes stories
- ✓ Inspiration
- ✓ Community



Social Media

[www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/social-media](http://www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/social-media)





## Ways to Give at BHPC

### Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd  
Bethesda, MD 20817

### Text Giving



Text "BHPC"  
to 73256

### Mobile Giving



Download the Realm  
Connect App

### Realm Giving



Access the [Bradley Hills Giving Page](#)

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

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Today, Palm Sunday, as we rejoice with the parade of children waving palm branches, we also rejoice in the growth of our programs for children and youth. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure that make it possible for us to nurture the next generation of Christians and minister to their families.

# All Church BBQ



**JUNE 8, 2025 | 11 AM**

➤ *After 10 am service* ➤

Bring a side, salad,  
or dish to share.

Kick off your summer at  
Bradley Hills' all-church BBQ.  
Enjoy good food and great  
company. Invite a friend!  
Everyone in the neighborhood  
is welcome.



**We'll provide the drinks, hotdogs,  
& hamburgers (vegan options too!)**

## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Walter Sczudlo (Becky Sczudlo's husband) died on April 6. Walter's Celebration of Life will be held in the sanctuary at 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 13, followed by a reception in Covenant Hall.
- The family of Byron Ziegler (Sharon Ziegler's husband) whose Celebration of Life will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 26, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.
- The Celebration of Life for Douglas Rigler (Katherine Rigler's husband) will be held on May 18 at 2:00 pm followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.

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

- Celebration of the 50th anniversary of commissioning our Holtcamp organ. We were delighted to have Donald and Phyllis Sutherland in worship with us and Ken Cowan as guest organist.
- The baptism of Casey Levi Fritz, son of Sarah and Cory Fritz.
- Experiencing the considerable virtuosity of Ken Cowan during his organ concert on Sunday.

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

- Lynda Harman who is recovering from a fall.
- 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 is doing better following completion of his treatments.
- Jeff for 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.**

If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Pastor Denise ([denise@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:denise@bradleyhillschurch.org)).

**FLOWER DEDICATION** | The flowers today were given by Kornelia Koppany.

# Get Involved at Bradley Hills

## Worship

**Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

8:30 a.m. Worship (**in-person**) | Outside

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

**Bradley Hills Nursery School** | Wishing everyone a Joyous Easter season! As our thoughts turn to new beginnings, warmer weather and springtime, our children and their teachers are busy exploring all the outdoor areas we love. The school is grateful to have such an amazing campus to teach an appreciation of nature to our students. We are busy planting marigold and tomato seeds and will care for them, observe how quickly they grow, and transplant them into our Children's Garden when the weather warms.

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

## Our Staff

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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

Section Leaders—Marie Marquis (soprano), Kaytlin Withers (alto), Brynn Farlow (tenor), Steven Slupe (bass)

### Sign-Ups for Flower Dedications



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.

### 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 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  
Regular service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**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

 *are welcome here.*



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