

WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, THEIR  
OBJECTIONS WERE PUT TO REST,  
AND THEY GLORIFIED GOD,  
SAYING, "SO THEN, GOD HAS  
GRANTED EVEN THE GENTILES  
REPENTANCE UNTO LIFE."

*- ACTS 11:18*



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 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.** Join us for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. service at our weekly coffee hour.

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

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | **[david@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillchurch.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 or connect with David after the service. New members join June 15 and July 13.

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILLON PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor Denise Diaab

### GATHERING MUSIC

Trio Sonata in G Major, Mvmt. 2

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

**All: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

One: The One who loves without distinction calls us here.

**All: They will know we are Christians by our love.  
Come! Let us worship.**

### \*HYMN 415

Come, Labor On

*Ora Labora*

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

### MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

# CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastor Denise Diaab

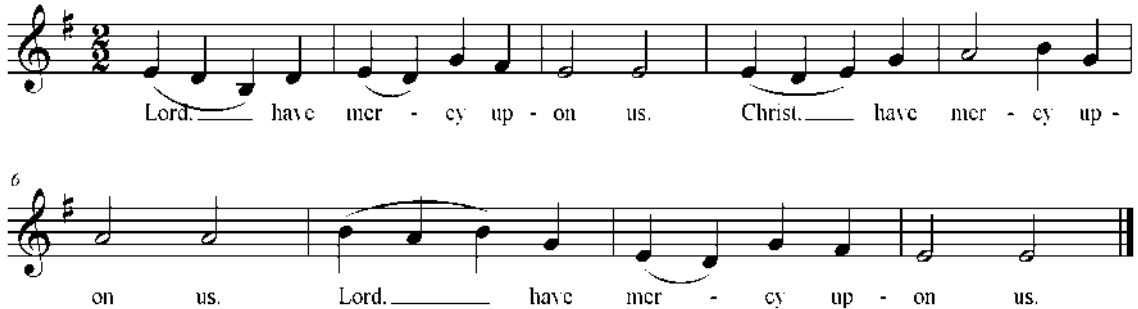
God of mercy,

your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. We confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive our sins, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

*Silence for personal confession.*

## KYRIE

arr. David Johnson



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.*

Christ is Alive!

Truro

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

## EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Baptism

Jackson Tien Quane

*Son of Corinne and Thomas Quane*

*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**

Act 11:1-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

Leonard Bernstein  
(1918-1990)

Closing Chorale; from Chichester Psalms

Hineh mah tov,	<i>Behold how good,</i>
Umah nayim,	<i>And how pleasant it is,</i>
Shevet ahim	<i>For people to dwell,</i>
Gam yahad.	<i>Together in unity.</i>
Amen.	<i>Amen.</i>

## **SERMON**

Denise Diaab

## **\*HYMN 313**

Come Down, O Love Divine

*Down Ampney*

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

## **RESPONSE IN FAITH - PCUSA Confession of 1967**

**In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.**

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In [God's] reconciling love, [God] overcomes the barriers between [people] and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary.... Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize [anyone], however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.**

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The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists [God's] will and disrupts [God's] creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope...and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

"Now to [God] who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to [God] be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

## RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

### CALL FOR THE 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

If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis  
(c.1505-1585)

### \*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

\*Doxology 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Old Hundredth*

*The congregation may be seated.*

## RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS AND 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 442

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

### \*CHARGE

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

Benediction

Owen Goldsmith  
(b.1946)

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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## Preview of May 25

**Join Us for Worship | One Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

Preaching: Pastor Jong Lee

**10:00 a.m.** Our traditional service

**11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour

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**Adult Education** | *Adult Education will be on break for the summer, starting May 25. We will restart Sunday sessions in September.*

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**Flower Dedication** | Grateful for 38 years together, the flowers are dedicated by Pat and Lou Kallas.

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!*



## The Milestone Workshop

for Fifth Graders

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



June 1

9:15-10:15 am

Room 303

Led by Rosanna Howard



# All Church BBQ



**JUNE 8, 2025 | 11 AM**

➡ *After 10 am service* ➡

Bring a side, salad,  
or dessert to share.

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



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

Interested in volunteering at the BBQ? Reach out to Pastor David or Sean Owens.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

WITH BRADLEY HILLS & GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN



**Join us for a week of music,  
games, crafts and faith formation!**

**August 18-22:**

9 am - Noon

**Optional Extended Day:**

Monday-Thursday, 12-2:30 pm

For children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/25)  
through rising 5th graders.

6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers.

Register by May 31: \$65/child

Register by June 30: \$80/child

Register by Aug. 3: \$95/child

To access early bird rates, use the  
discount codes provided on the  
registration form

Extended Day:  
additional \$40/child

Scholarships are  
available for any  
family who needs one.

**REGISTER HERE**



FAMILY FUN + GAMES

Time to  
Celebrate!

# Welcome Back Brunch+

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2025

11:30 A.M. | POTLUCK

*All are invited!*



Part of our 70th Anniversary Celebrations



## Lifting Up Memories

As part of our 70th anniversary celebration year, we will be celebrating 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 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.*



# Our Youth Need You! We need 1-2 more chaperones for the Mission Trip!

## High School Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project

**Who:** Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders- graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders

**Location:** Avery County, NC

**Dates:** Sunday, June 15- Saturday, June 21

**Transportation:** We will take two rented 15-passenger vans

**Accommodations:** Mayland Community College

Address: 200 Mayland Drive, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Sleeping Quarters: Air conditioned auditorium with overflow in a classroom. You will need to bring your own air mattress or cot

Cafeteria/Kitchens: School cafeteria

Showers: Bathrooms with showers are located outside of the auditorium.

**Your Role:** Accompany Rosanna, 16 youth and 2-3 other adults to Western North Carolina for a week of rebuilding and construction on homes devastated during Hurricane Helene. Come with your hammer and an open heart! I promise your life will be changed.



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## New Small Group – Continuing Conversations

### PLEASE REGISTER WITH PASTOR DENISE BY MAY 30

If you missed Lenten Small Groups or if you would like to continue the conversations, then "Continuing Conversations: A Different Kind of Fast – 2.0" is for you!

Beginning in June, we will use "A Different Kind of Fast" by Christina Valters Paintner, to continue conversations and practices 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."

We will meet once a month (rather than weekly) to explore a new theme. Then we will have a month to engage with the theme and spiritual practices so that they might become part of our everyday living (they say it takes 21 days to form or break a habit).

Meeting Options:

- Every 1st Wednesday of the Month: Zoom (9:30 am-11:00 am or 10:00 am-11:30 am)
- Every 1st Saturday of the Month: In-Person (9:30 am-11:00 am or 10:00 am-11:30 am)
- Every 1st Saturday of the Month: Zoom (9:30 am – 11:00 am or 10:00 am – 11:30 am)

*Contact Pastor Denise to register or for more information.*

## Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd.  
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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](http://www.BradleyHillsChurch.org)**

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

**A Note from Stewardship** | At the close of the church's program year for Christian education, we salute and thank everyone who has volunteered this year as a Sunday School teacher for children, as a chaperone, teacher or mentor in the program for youth, or by sharing your expertise in Adult Education. We also thank those who have coordinated and planned these inspirational programs. Christian education at Bradley Hills would not be possible without your dedication and your gifts of time and talent. Thank you!

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**A Music Note** | It was in the late 1940's that the FBI began to investigate the Jewish American conductor, composer, and pianist Leonard Bernstein under suspicion of communism, anti-patriotic behavior and pacifistic tendencies. By 1971, when Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis commissioned Bernstein to write a work for the opening of the Kennedy Center, Bernstein had largely shrugged off the label of 'communist' (largely by naming names and formally, yet secretly, renouncing his communist views). Yet, his anti-war and anti-nuclear views were perhaps even more ingrained after two decades of war and the Cuban missile crisis. ***Hine ma tov*** is the final chorale in Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, which addressed many of the critical societal issues of the composer's time.

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**Recognition of Matthew Robertson's Ministry** | On June 8, we will celebrate Matthew Robertson's twelve years of music ministry among us. We will be collecting cards and notes to give to Matthew. Those can be dropped off in the church office (PLM mailbox) for "hard copy" or emailed to Andrew Milne at [anstacar@comcast.net](mailto:anstacar@comcast.net).

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

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

- The family of Marcia Hummers (Ed Hummers' wife) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 17, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.
- The family of Douglas Rigler (Katherine Rigler's husband) whose Celebration of Life will be held in the sanctuary at 1:30 pm on May 18.
- The family of Barbara DeLouise whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary on Friday, June 13.
- The family of Cindy Geer whose sister in Korea, Yong Hyun Ho, died at the age of 93.

### **We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.**

- We praise the Lord and join Gina Kim Perry in giving thanks for finding her younger sister in Seoul, Korea after 62 years of separation. What a day of rejoicing May 9th was for Gina & Bill!
- Congratulations and all blessings to the family of Bill & Kelley Edelblut on the birth of grandson Roman on May 7.
- Bonnie F (friend of Lou & Pat Kallas) received a kidney transplant and recovery is going well.

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

- Cameron (5-year-old daughter of Stewi and Andy Corno) is under hospice care at home.
- Beth Beisel (BHPC Coordinator of External Communications) prayers for healing and recovery from surgery.
- Zane (Pat Kallas' great-nephew) who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Janet Hagwood (Kristen Abbott's mother) for health and well-being.
- Lynda Harman who is recovering from a fall.
- Ben Flowe for total well-being.
- Todd McCreight for health and well-being.
- Dick Tustian for health and well-being.

### **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 who are feeling anxious related to job loss and/or uncertainty regarding their job.
- All government leaders for wisdom to govern in best interest and welfare of all the people.
- Safety and compassion for undocumented refugee families.
- The people of Pakistan, Palestine, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, Ukraine, and Russia.
- An end to gun violence; those suffering from mental illness and addiction.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.



# 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.

**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

On this the last weekend before the "unofficial" start of summer, BHP CNS would like to say thank you to the BHPC community for being supportive of the Nursery School program. As a mission of BHPC, we are constantly striving to be good stewards of the building and the property and our world. The playgrounds are maintained by the Nursery School but available to the church and neighboring communities to use. Come out and play on our fun play yards.

BHP CNS is a play based preschool program for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year-old children. There is 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 [bhinfo@bhpncs.org](mailto:bhinfo@bhpncs.org) You can also check out our website at [www.bhpncs.org](http://www.bhpncs.org)!



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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)

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

One service this summer at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Preaching:** Pastor Jong Lee

June 1 | Communion

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

June 8 | Pentecost | Recognition of Matthew Robertson's Ministry

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

June 15 | 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

June 22 | Mission Trip Report Back

June 29 | 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Preaching:** Pastor David Gray

  
*are welcome here.*



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