



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025
10:00 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 10:00 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**.

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | **david@bradleyhillchurch.org**

Get Connected | Explore Membership

BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community. Pastor David will be available after worship today at 11:15 a.m. in the library to meet with anyone who would like to get more connected or explore membership.

New members join June 15 and/or July 13.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude modal; Op. 6 No. 9

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia Singers

Down in My Heart

George W Cooke

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart, (Where?)
Down in my heart to stay!
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I have the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I have the love of Jesus in my heart!

*HYMN 302

I Danced in the Morning

Simple Gifts

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastor Denise Diaab

**We come to you, O God, not because we have it together, but because we have made a mess of things,
We have not loved our neighbor as we loved ourselves;
We have not practiced justice;
we have not shown mercy;
And Lord, we have not walked humbly with you.
Lord, in your grace, forgive us and help us to follow after Jesus as true disciples as we confess...**

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE

arr. David Johnson

Lord. have mer - cy up - on us. Christ. have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord. have mer - cy up - on us.

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

DCYFM 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

John 5:1-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Feast on Grace: Will You Rise?

Pastor Jong Lee

*HYMN 272

God of the Sparrow

Roeder

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
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

Morgen; Op. 27, No. 4

Marie Marquis, soprano

Richard Strauss
(1864-1949)

Und morgen wird die Sonne wieder scheinen

Und auf dem Wege, den ich gehen werde,

Wird uns, die Glücklichen, sie wieder einen

Inmitten dieser sonnenatmenden Erde...

Und zu dem Strand, dem weiten, wogenblauen,

Werden wir still und langsam niedersteigen,

Stumm arden wir uns in die Augen schauen,

Und auf uns sinkt des Glückes stummes Schweigen...

*And tomorrow the sun will shine again**And on the path that I shall take,**It will unite us, happy ones, again,**Amid this same sun-breathing earth...**And to the shore, broad, blue-waved,**We shall quietly and slowly descend,**Speechless we shall gaze into each other's eyes,**And the speechless silence of bliss shall fall on us...****SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING**

*Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

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.

*The congregation may be seated.***RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS****Response for Concerns:****Response for Celebrations:**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

One: With thanksgiving,

All: Hear our prayers.**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 110**

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

*Christ Lag In Todesbanden****CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****SENDING MUSIC**

Prelude in A Minor; BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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.

6601 Creation Care Watering Sign-Up

Happy Spring 6601 Friends! You may have noticed some colorful new additions to our grounds with the recent plantings. The planting of perennials and native plants, however comes with a lot of watering responsibility.

Right now, this is being accomplished by one man – BHPC member, Mike Kline. Mike does a lot for the grounds of 6601 and we don't want to burn him out, so if you have 20 minutes during the week to sign up to come help water these areas, it would be a great help! Mike has purchased wonderful hoses and spray nozzles to make the job easy and the staff at BHPC will be happy to offer direction.



Scan the
QR code
to sign up!

Preview of June 1

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Communion

10:00 a.m. Our traditional service

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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

Action Forum | June 1 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Library
Light lunch offered

The focus of this meeting will be to offer specific guidance to help you advocate, whether in person, in writing or via phone call. If you intend to advocate in person, consider partnering with a friend from Bradley Hills.

In our last meeting, we focused on the needs of our mission partners. We will provide a brief summary of Session's recent conversations about supporting our partners. We will also touch on the June 14 military event scheduled for Washington, DC – demonstrations in the city are not recommended. Ideas for other forms of protest are welcome.

NOTE-RAPIDLY APPROACHING DATE FOR ADVOCACY- On Wednesday, May 28, at noon. FOCUS – EDUCATION. With this week's judicial ruling, this is vitally important. This requires advance sign up (no later than May 27). Please contact Elizabeth St. John at estjohn20903@gmail.com for the sign-up link. This advocacy opportunity is offered by the PC-USA Office of Public Witness.

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.



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

High School Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project

Who: Rising 9th graders- graduating 12th 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.

Interested? Reach out to Rosanna at rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org

You can get us well-outfitted and prepared for the construction work that we will be tasked with by donating or loaning any of the following items:

- Coolers large enough to carry ice, drinks and lunches
- Sandwich containers, sandwich bags, lunch bags, fruit, snacks, drinks
- Water jugs/bottles/coolers
- Ladders - if possible, both step and extension.
- chalk line
- staple guns/staples
- tin snips
- Drill
- utility knives
- paint tarp
- extension cords
- circular saw
- sharpened hand saw
- insect/wasp spray
- screwdriver
- Pliers
- levels
- Squares
- extra bits: (cement/wood/metal)
- utility knives/blades
- canopy tents for shade

Everyone (22 participants) should have the following basic tools:

- work gloves
- safety glasses
- ear plugs
- N95 dust masks
- Hammer
- measuring tape



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 on September 21 at our 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.



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!

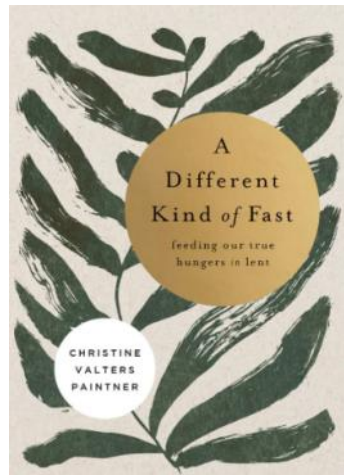
Beginning in June, we will use “A Different Kind of Fast” by Christina Valters Paintner, to continue conversations and practices to “help us identify those patterns and habits that distract us from the fullness of life and open up space for the feast that awaits each of us.”

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 Thursday of the Month: Zoom (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.



Recognizing Graduates | If you have a high school or college graduate that you would like recognized in our celebrations and during worship on June 1, let us know by emailing their name to Rosanna Howard at Rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is **FULL!** **Please check out the basket/coat rack and pick up any items by June 15.** All remaining items will be donated.

(Located in the coat area by the main office)

LOST AND FOUND



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
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Access the
Bradley Hills Giving page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note from Stewardship | As we conclude the Church's program year and begin the summer schedule, we are extremely grateful for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure that have made Bradley Hills such a vital, vibrant, and welcoming place this year. Thank you for all your support!

Flower Dedication | The flowers are in memory of Bradley Hills founding members, Bob and Lou Murrill, from Peggy Hartman.



The Milestone Workshop

for Fifth Graders

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



June 1

9:00-10:00 am

Room 303

Led by Rosanna Howard

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Cindy Geer whose sister in Korea, Yong Hyun Ho, died at the age of 93.
- The family of Barbara DeLouise whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, June 13 at 3:00 pm, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.
- The family of Joy Panagides whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 29, at 12:30 pm, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- We join Corinne and Thomas Quane in celebrating the baptism of their son Jackson Tien Quane.

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

- Cameron (6-year-old daughter of Stewi and Andy Corno) is at home receiving hospice care.
- Beth Beisel (BHPC Coordinator of External Communication) who is recovering from surgery.
- Rachel (Elaine Hunt's granddaughter) for healing as she prepares for back surgery.
- Jon (Elaine Hunt's grandson-in-law) who is having abdominal surgery.
- Zane (Pat Kallas' great-nephew) for healing as he prepares for surgery to remove a cyst on his brain.
- 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:

- Prayers for the families of the Israeli embassy staff members (Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim), who were killed outside of the Jewish Museum in DC.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- All those in Kentucky affected by the tornadoes.
- 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.

Summer at Bradley Hills

Worship

Worship at 10:00 a.m. | In the Sanctuary and online

Adult Education & Small Groups

Adult Education | On break for the summer. Will resume after Labor Day

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 | June 1 will be the last Sunday. Will resume after Labor Day

Children and Family Programs

Childcare | Children 3 and under at 10:00 a.m. Worship

Church School | Sundays at 10:15 a.m. after the Children's Message
Pre-K to Kindergarten | 1st to 2nd Grade | 3rd to 5th Grade

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

Vacation Bible School | August 18-22

Youth Trips

Appalachia Service Project | June 15-21

Montreat Youth Conference | July 5-12

Massanetta Middle School Conference | July 8-13

Happy Memorial Day Weekend! The Nursery School wishes you and your families a wonderful holiday weekend. Our last day of school was May 23rd.. We will spend the upcoming week deep cleaning our classrooms and preparing for a month of Summer Camp. This year, Bradley Bear is Going Camping! It is sure to be lots of fun. On behalf of the entire BHPCNS program we wish everyone a Beary Cool Summer!

BHPCNS 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@bhpcns.org. You can also check out our website at www.bhpcns.org!



Our Staff

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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.

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.

Worship Schedule

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

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

11:00 a.m. Church BBQ outside

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

June 15 | Trinity Sunday | Baptisms | Music - Bill Perry/Annabel Hunter

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

All  are welcome here.



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