

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 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 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/or July 13.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Prière; Op. 6 No. 15

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Give thanks to the Lord; for the Lord is good.

One: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you all that you feel.

All: Lord, bring to us hope and grace.

One: Come to Jesus this day.

All: God brings to us restoration and renewal of life.

One: Come to God this day

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gelobt Sei Gott

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

One: God of surprises, the world proclaims that hurt overcomes help.

All: But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

One: The world proclaims that evil saps the tree of goodness.

All: But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

One: The world is anxious about death.

All: But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

One: The world proclaims that fear is the truth of our living.

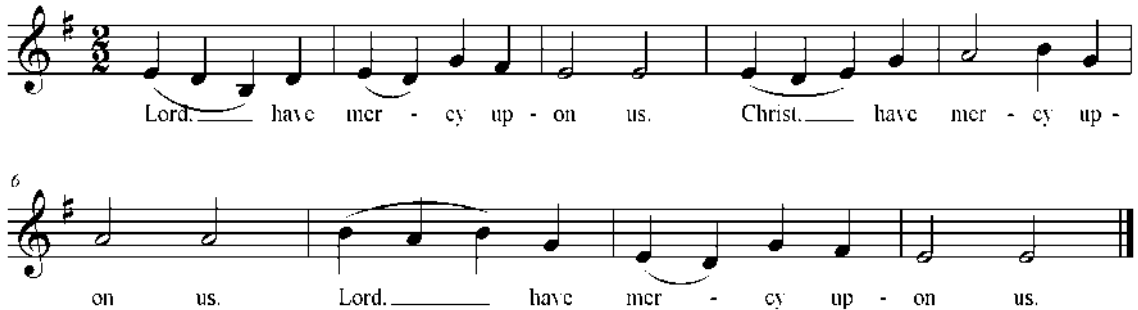
All: But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

One: Help us, O Lord, to feel your presence as we confess...

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!

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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

Recognition of Graduates

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

Kids ages 3 to 4th grade are invited to Summer Church School with all ages combined together during the 10:00 a.m. service. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway.

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

Luke 24:13-35

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Returning the Favor

Pastor David Gray

*HYMN 503

Come, Risen Lord

Sursum Corda

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Dieterich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

*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.

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 MUSIC

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 104**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn To Joy

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC

Fugue in A Minor; BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Preview of June 8

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Pentecost (Wear Red) |
Recognition of Matthew Robertson's Ministry

10:00 a.m. Our traditional service

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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.



All Church

BBQ



JUNE 8, 2025 | 11 AM

⇒ *After 10 am service* ⇒

Please 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!)

6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD



Interested in volunteering at the BBQ?

Reach out to Pastor David or Sean Owens.

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.

Sign Up's Available - Dinners at Becky's and Lon's House

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 6 Sign-ups remaining available for 2025 – a simple meal is all that is needed – the joy it provides is considerable:

Becky's House – July, August and December and Lon's House – July, October, and December

Questions? Reach out to Jennifer Kline at jennkline0329@gmail.com or 614-802-9537



Sign up for
Lon's House.



Sign up for
Becky's
House.

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@bradleyhillchurch.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
 - nail apron



Congratulations Class of 2025!

Daniella Ngah - Walter Johnson High School
Benjamin Scribner - Woodson High School
Simone Kang - Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
Will Kauffunger - Walt Whitman High School
Andrew Gray - Walt Whitman High School
TJ (Thomas Joseph) Gallagher - Walter Johnson High School
Charlie Peyer - Richard Montgomery High School
Ella Poffenroth
Creighton Parsons
Peyton Brown
Laurel Petrides - University of Michigan
Ethan Coffin - Lafayette College

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.



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, particularly around the Cross Garden, the education doors, the planters outside the Memorial Hall doors, and the beds in between the two. 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!



**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



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

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note from Stewardship | Thank you for continuing your financial gifts to Bradley Hills during the summer. The church's financial obligations continue, even when church members are on vacation, and the continued flow of pledged and unpledged gifts makes it possible to meet those obligations all year.

LOST AND FOUND



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)

Help Is Needed to Distribute Groceries in Anacostia

BHPC is proud to support Faith Presbyterian Church's "Feeding Families" project 6+ times a year! The demand for food is now higher than ever for families in the church's neighborhood. Five or more BHPC volunteers are needed to help Faith's team from 9:00-10:40 am, rain or shine on **Saturday, June 21 and Saturday, August 16.**

Volunteers pack 60 grocery bags at the church in Anacostia and distribute them on the church property. Adults, families, and teens are welcome.

Faith Church welcomes volunteers in any month on the 3rd Saturday. For more information, contact Joan Burns, BHPC Liaison to Faith Presbyterian Church, at joanwburns@gmail.com or 301-980-1960.



Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Mary Landrum (Pat Kallas' sister) whose inurnment service was held on May 28.
- 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, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

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

- Elizabeth (Gloria Androa's daughter) who is being scheduled for a C-section to deliver twins.
- Anne (Elaine Hunt's friend) who is recovering from hip surgery.
- President Biden who was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- 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 from back pain as she contemplates surgery.
- Jon (Elaine Hunt's grandson-in-law) for healing as he recovers from a successful 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:

- 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.
- 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.

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

The BHCNS campers have put on their hiking boots, vests, whistles, and binoculars as Bradley Bear Goes Camping. While keeping cool with lots of water play, the children have been having s'more fun than imaginable! We are learning all about camping: how to pitch a tent, roll up a sleeping bag, start a fire, and more. Summer Camp at BHCNS is tree-mendous!

BHCNS 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 the office at 301-365-2909 or email Liz Sobrino at Lsobrino@bhpcns.org or check out our website at www.bhpcns.org!



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), 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

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

June 8 | Pentecost (wear red) | 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

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray


are welcome here.



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