



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
June 15, 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 July 13.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Adagio

Annabel Hunter
Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Free our souls from fear, O Lord.

All: Feed our souls with generosity.

One: Free our hearts from worry, O Lord.

All: Feed our hearts with love.

One: Day by day we are learning to be your church.

All: Guide us closer to you and one another as we worship you.

*HYMN 132

Come Great God of All The Ages

Abbot's Leigh

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

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

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MINUTE FOR MEMORY

Terry Brady

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

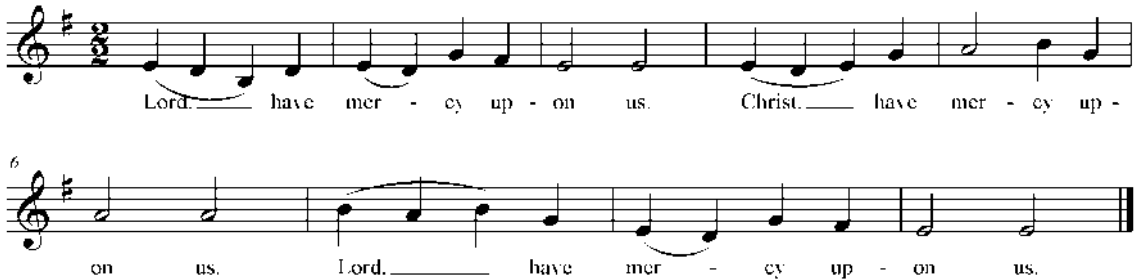
PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in this world. Yet we do not always follow your call. Forgive us when we turn away from you and go our own way. Break us free from the myth of self sufficiency and turn us around to see your generous grace in our lives. Help us to live into your abundance of love for all your people, as we pray...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE

arr. David Johnson



One: We pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Baptism

Helen Felicity Drake

Daughter of Derek Drake and Caroline Yeager

Brooks Hodge Petitt

Isla Kathleen Petitt

Children of Jess and Kathleen Petitt

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

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world;
Every person, everywhere, Jesus holds them in His care,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21; Matthew 18:20

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Relational God

Pastor David Gray

***HYMN 135**

God is One, Unique and Holy

Trinity

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Said in unison.

RESPONSE IN FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

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

Bill Perry
(2019)

Without Love

We may hope for a world that is kind;
the question is how do we get there?
We may have faith God won't leave us behind,
but why should God listen to our prayers?

There's something more we need to show
for the grace of God to fill our souls.

Our faith is shallow without love.
Our hope is hollow without love.
All the blessings in the world
are nothing without love.
Love is patient, love is kind;

it keeps no record of our sins to find.
Love does not envy, nor is it proud.
Love unlocks the heart of God.

Though we may speak of all the good we can do,
what's behind those words will define us.
And if we act so others might praise what we do,
we've missed the chance to let God find us.

There's something more we need to show
for the grace of God to fill our souls.

Our words are hollow without love.
Our deeds are shallow without love.
All the blessings in the world
are nothing without love.
All the blessings in the world
are nothing without love.

*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 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,

All: We praise the Lord.

Response for Concerns:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

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 138**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Preview of June 22

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

Mission Trip Report Back

10:00 a.m. Our traditional service

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

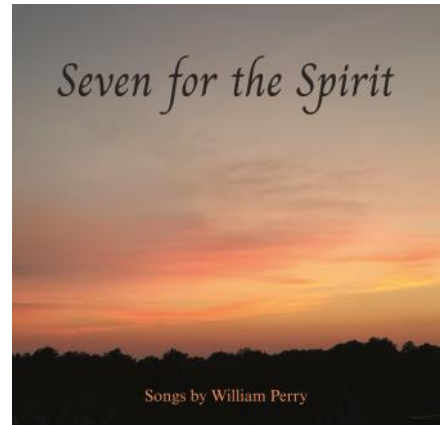
Next Steps on Music | Thank you all for your support of a meaningful Pentecost Sunday and celebration of Matthew's ministry. The program is in good shape going forward. Paul Vasile, a highly respected music director in our denomination, will lead our music ministry for the next program year beginning September 1. Friends of Music have a terrific next season of concerts in store for us. Nominating and Session will soon approve a search committee to find the person God has in store to lead BHPC's music program long term.

Paul Vasile, Annabel Hunter, Han Setiawan, Giles Cooke, Bill Perry, Bob Deans, our Section Leaders, and others will help share musical gifts in worship this summer. We'll have hymn sings July 20 and August 31. We will have summer intergenerational choirs singing. Come meet Paul Vasile on June 29 and sing in the summer choir if you are in town. We look forward to meaningful music at BHPC continuing long into the future.

Summer Choir | On June 29, you're warmly invited to sing with the Summer Choir. Singers of all ages and musical backgrounds are welcome to help lead worship and share in the joy of making music in community. Gather in the Sanctuary at 9 am to warm up and learn an anthem that will be accessible to singers of varied abilities.

Bill Perry CD "Seven for the Spirit" | Available Starting June 15

As many of you know, for more than a decade Bill Perry has written and performed Christian songs during our worship services at Bradley Hills. He has now recorded seven of those songs on a compact disc album entitled "Seven for the Spirit," in order to share them in a more permanent form with the Bradley Hills congregation. Bill is donating the CDs to Bradley Hills, and they will be available in return for a free will offering that will be added to the church's music fund.



On June 15, the CDs will be available in the Gathering Space after the 10 am service, and thereafter by contacting Bill (wkgpmusic@gmail.com) or Jan Spencer at the church office (jan@bradleyhillchurch.org).

Announcing New Photo Series | The Faces of Bradley Hills

Many great photos were taken during the 70th Anniversary gala on May 3. Too many to include in our emails and bulletins, so we've decided to showcase them on our BHPC social media accounts throughout the summer. Beginning June 10, you'll find them posted each week on our Facebook and Instagram account.

Called "The Face of Bradley Hills," this photo series will feature the beauty of Bradley Hills as reflected in the faces of our members, staff, and friends. Special thanks go to Lida Verner, DelCarla Diann, Bie Fox, and Kim Brinkman for capturing soulful images of our community members. While you're there, be sure to "Like" or "Follow" us!



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



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.



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.

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.

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 July 31.** All remaining items will be donated.

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.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note from Stewardship | Those who make a bequest or arrange for other planned gifts to be made from their estates are like people who plant shade trees for the comfort of generations to come.

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.



Scan the QR
code to sign
up!



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!

June/July BHX now available. Use the QR code to download the latest issue. With photos from the 70th Anniversary dinner and BHPC news.



June/July BHX

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Cameron Corno (six-year-old daughter of Stewi & Andy Corno) whose Memorial Service will be held on Monday, June 16 at 10:00 am, at National Presbyterian Church.
- The family of Barbara DeLouise whose service was held on June 13 .
- 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.

- Congratulations and all blessings for Drew Bremer and Elizabeth Guillen who were married by David on June 14. Elizabeth, welcome to the BHPC family.
- The congregation's celebration of Matthew Robertson's 11-year music ministry at BHPC.
- The wonderful fellowship and good food at the annual BBQ with much gratitude to the Owens, Anderson, and Buchman families and everyone else who helped make it happen.
- The commissioning of the Youth Mission Team led by DCYFM Rosanna Howard.

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

- Those hospitalized, injured, facing surgery, being treated for chronic illness, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- The Youth Mission Team during travel and work with Appalachia Service Project.
- Linda Kauskay who is having surgery next week.
- Barbara (Elaine Hunt's daughter) who awaiting result of radiology retest.
- Lynda Harman for complete recovery from injuries resulting from a fall.
- 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.
- For Anne.
- 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, including:

- Prayers for peace in the Middle East, especially for the people of Iran and Israel.
- Prayers for all those affected by the Air India plane crash on June 12.

To view Cameron Corno's service (Monday at 10:00 a.m.) through livestream, scan the QR code:



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 | On break for the summer. 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



**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



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)

Flower Dedication | From Venus Masselam, in memory of her husband and exceptional father, Dr. Albert J. Fleig .

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 22 | Mission Trip Report Back

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

June 29 | Intergenerational Choir

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

In the "Present" part of our celebration year, BHPC members will deliver the Sunday message.

*Part of our
70th Anniversary
Celebrations*



July 6, with Communion

Message by Bonnie Holcomb and Han Setiawan

10:00 am. Sanctuary & online.

July 13

Message by Steve Burns and Jean Dudek

10:00 am. Sanctuary & online. New members join.

Music by Bob Deans and Annabel Hunter.

July 20

**Message by Ally McKinney Timm
and Rosanna Howard**

10:00 am. Sanctuary & online.

July 27

Message by Bob Deans and Ming Hui Tseng

10:00 am. Sanctuary & online.

Intergenerational choir.