



Pentecost



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

June 8, 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

Toccata cromatica per le levatione

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Loving God and blessed Christ, the creator and savior of all both near and far.

All: **By your Spirit, enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name. Amen.**

*HYMN 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

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.**

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

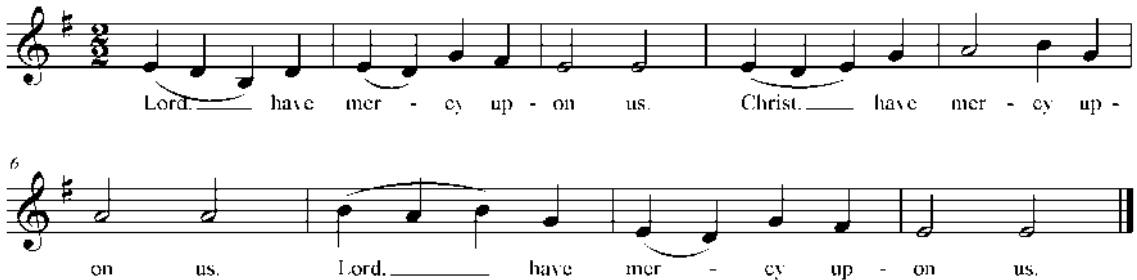
PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your loving call. We confess that our pride hides the brightness of your light and the sound of your call. We turn away from the poor; we ignore the cries for justice, we do not strive for peace; we close our eyes and ears to the needs of the world and to our own abilities to help. In your mercy, cleanse us and commune with us once again through your Spirit, 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.

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Aberystwyth

Wind who makes all winds that blow - Gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves -
Aim Your breath with steady power, on Your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Commissioning of Summer Youth Trips

David Gray

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

Acts 2:1-12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Randall Thompson
(1899-1984)

Alleluia
Alleluia.
Amen.

SERMON

Pentecost

Pastor David Gray

*HYMN 264

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Engelberg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF FAITH - RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW ROBERTSON'S MINISTRY

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

Edgar L. Bainton
(1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

*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:

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

King of Glory, King of Peace

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

*CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peter Lutkin
(1858-1931)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you;
And give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you,
The Lord be gracious unto you.
Amen.

SENDING MUSIC

Introduction and Passacaglia in D Minor

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

All Church BBQ



JUNE 8, 2025 | 11 AM

Sanctuary Tours During the All Church BBQ | As a "side dish" during the **All Church BBQ** on Sunday June 8, interpretive guided tours of the Bradley Hills Sanctuary will be offered. Spice up your BBQ time and relish a new taste and understanding of the traditional Christian spiritual design of the Sanctuary. Meet Corky Hickey, Rosanna Morrison, and Steve Fox on the patio leading into Memorial Hall, where the tours will begin at 12:30 pm, after your dessert settles.

A Note from Matthew Robertson

Dear Friends,

It has been a joy to have made music and been in community with you all these past twelve years. Today marks my last Sunday as Director of Music Ministries at Bradley Hills and I'm delighted to share this last Sunday with many choir members who have been in choir over this time. Of note, that includes many of the section leaders who have been with us over my time: Jennifer Anderson, Rhianna Cockrell, Caroline Nielsen, Kyle Tomlin, and more. At this milestone, I'm deeply grateful to everyone who has made the Bradley Hills music program the special place that it is, including Donald Sutherland and Phyllis Bryn Julson (who built BHPC's music program) and Marilyn Alberts (who, as a first among equals, has devoted countless hours and skill to it).

Today, I'm delighted to be performing music that is near and dear to the choir, me, and many of you. We conclude the service with Lutkin's *Benediction*, which has been a piece that the choir has performed yearly since long before my time; it is a touching benediction and a message that resonates in a reciprocal manner today. If you know it – as many of you do – you are welcome to join the choir and sing from the pews as we conclude the service. We sing a personal favorite: Bainton's stunning and consoling *And I Saw a New Heaven*. We begin with the great American composer Randall Thompson's *Alleluia*. Commissioned by conductor Serge Koussevitsky for what is now Tanglewood, it was first performed in 1940. As the story goes, the composer had not begun work on the piece until three days before its first performance. On the day of the premiere, with the choir on stage ready to rehearse, the music had not yet arrived. Forty-five minutes before curtain the composition was finally delivered to the conductor who remarked to the chorus: "Well, the text is at least one thing we will not have to worry about." The work has gone on to be a beloved staple of the American choral repertoire and is now often performed at ceremonies requiring quiet dignity. The composer writes: "The music in my particular *Alleluia* cannot be made to sound joyous...here it is comparable to the book of Job, where it is written, 'The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

I've never been one who is good at 'goodbyes,' and, regardless, I am not going anywhere: my family calls D.C. home, I will continue to perform publicly with The Thirteen, and I am sure to see many of you again. And I have told David Gray that I am happy to help out Bradley Hills as I can. While this may not be a 'goodbye,' it is undoubtedly a time that calls for reflection: I feel that I am leaving a piece of me behind at Bradley Hills, and that I take a piece of you with me. For this, my heart will always be a little larger than it was when I arrived - for which I am grateful.

- Matthew Robertson

Preview of June 15

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

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

10:00 a.m. Our traditional service

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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
- Pliers
- Levels
- Sharpened hand saw
- Insect/wasp spray
- Screwdriver
- 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

6601 Creation Care Watering Sign-Up

Scan the QR code to 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.

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

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.



Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



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Text Giving



Text "BHPC"
to 73256

Mobile Giving



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Realm Giving



Access the
Bradley Hills Giving page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

A Note from Stewardship | Today we honor Matthew Robertson for 12 years of talent and dedicated service as Director of Music at Bradley Hills. The Congregation's financial gifts have supported the music program throughout those years, extending the church's tradition for excellent sacred music and enabling us to pay the amazing soloists who serve as section leaders in the Chancel Choir, to pay for orchestras to accompany the choir for major works including Mozart's Requiem and Bach's St. John Passion, and to pay brass ensembles to enhance our services on Easter and Christmas Eve. We thank you for those financial gifts, as well as for the gifts of time and talent from volunteers who sing in the Chancel Choir for those special services and on Sunday after Sunday during the program 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 July 31.** All remaining items will be donated.

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 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 Werkman family.
- The family of Elizabeth Barker whose grandmother passed recently.
- 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 to Joyce Hunt (wife of Carl Hunt) who celebrated her 96th birthday.
- Gratitude for Matthew Robertson's music ministry at BHPC and we pray for all God's blessings for Matthew and his family for the future

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

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@bradleyhillchurch.org).

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.



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



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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)

Flower Dedication | From Carol Frenkel, in memory of Dorothy Arey on her 100th birthday.

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 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

All  *are welcome here.*



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