



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
August 3, 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.**

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 October 26.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

The Road Home

Han Setiawan
Stephen Paulus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace Ahn

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: **We thank the Lord for God's wonderful works to humankind. Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.**

*HYMN 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Denise Diaab

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

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE

arr. David Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us.

on us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

Kids ages 3 years old 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

Psalms 107:1-9,43

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Denise Diaab

***HYMN 517**

We Come as Guests Invited

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

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

L'Harmonie Des Anges (Harmony of the Angels)

Lily Bello
Bergmuller

*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; Creator, Christ 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

How Great Thou Art

Bruce Bello and Grace Ahn
arr by Stuart K Hine

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 276**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Preview of August 10

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

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

Coffee Hour | Folks can bring food throughout the summer, if interested. The next organized coffee hour will be Welcome Back Sunday, September 7.

Welcome Back Brunch Potluck

We're having a Birthday Party!

Bradley Hills
is turning **70**

- ✓ GAMES FOR KIDS
- ✓ BIRTHDAY CAKE
- ✓ BOUNCY HOUSE
- ✓ SHAVED ICE
- ✓ "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" SING-A-LONG

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 11:30 A.M.



Invitation to Gatherings about BHPC's Future

Dear BHPC community,

We are anticipating an exciting fall at Bradley Hills. 70 years ago, spiritual friends dreamed of a church that would have a generational, life-changing impact on multitudes of people throughout the greater DC area and beyond. This year, we celebrate that, for 70 years, this bold vision has been manifested in and through the people of BHPC to have a positive impact on our community. As we celebrate our cherished past and honor our present, we now look to where God may be calling us for the future.

I'm inviting the members and friends of Bradley Hills to imagine the life-changing impact of a church that is prepared for that future. In 2023, our Session approved the recommendations of our Strategic Visioning Task Force Report which encouraged, among other things, the church to take bold action to ensure the long-term sustainability of BHPC at 6601 Bradley Blvd.

In that spirit, I invite you to join me for a time of dreaming and visioning as we consider our next steps as a church family.

Here are the details for a series of "First Impressions Gatherings" scheduled for later this month and early September. Because we want everyone to be able to attend a gathering, we are providing three opportunities. Why "first impressions?" Before launching into a potential capital campaign, we would like to receive feedback and input from our community. I would love for you to be at the table for one of these gatherings. If these dates don't work for you, I, and our Session, look forward to having a chance to connect with you in the coming weeks.

First Impression Gatherings

1. (in person) Sunday, Aug 24, following 10:00 a.m. worship, in Covenant Hall
2. (in person) Sunday, Sept 7, following 10:30 a.m. worship, in Covenant Hall
3. (virtual) Sunday, Sept 7 by Zoom, 7:00 p.m., by scanning the QR code below:



Meeting ID: 835 6944 1971 Passcode: 001787

I look forward to seeing you soon. Grace and peace as we journey forward together.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The script is cursive and fluid.

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 | Your gifts provide a catalyst for the good and joy that emanates from Bradley Hills into the community. Thank you.

Church School Teachers Needed

There is a need for church school teachers for the '25-'26 school year. *Church school starts on Sunday, September 7, 2025 and goes through Sunday, May 17, 2026.* Church school teachers usually teach once a month. Our classrooms typically have 10-15 children, each in attendance.

We need teachers for the following classrooms:

Preschool Church School (ages 3-4) | 4 lead teachers to collaborate with parent volunteers (in a co-op style format) to teach a basic curriculum of story, craft and snack. Training in best practices for preschool classroom instruction and management will be provided and supervised throughout the school year by DCYFM Rosanna Howard.

Godly Play (Kindergarten) | 2 lead teachers and 2 door persons to teach the Godly Play curriculum and support the Godly Play classroom. Training in the Godly Play curriculum with a GP trainer and DCYFM will be provided in late August.

Godly Play (1-2 Grade) | 2 lead teachers and 2 door persons to teach the Godly Play curriculum and support the Godly Play classroom. Training in the Godly Play curriculum with a GP trainer and DCYFM will be provided in late August.

Club 3-4-5 | 3 lead teachers and 2 second adults to implement the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. Training in classroom management and best practices will be offered by the DCYFM in late August.

To learn more about the commitment or ask any questions, reach out to DCYFM Rosanna Howard at rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for VBS! And here's the exciting part, all youth volunteers will get SSL hours for their participation (up to 36 hours with training and extended day)!

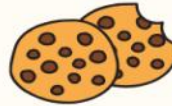
Get excited! We are bringing back a full week of indoor Vacation Bible School with new curriculum, new songs and dramas, and decorating the sanctuary and church with the theme, Operation Restoration: Mending God's Broken World. We have also added an extended day option from 12:00-2:30 p.m. and we would love to have some volunteers in the afternoon, as well!

To sign up to volunteer, scan the QR code. Please make sure to indicate any days you cannot attend, if you would like to stay for the afternoons, and let us know if you would like to participate in the drama team, leading the openings and closings.

And mark your calendar for Sunday, August 17 from 4-8 pm for our VBS training and preparation, followed by dinner and epic evening of water games!



FOOD DRIVE



VBS Participants will be making Snack Bags for Bethesda Help. You can help by donating:

- juice boxes
- fruit cups
- applesauce
- fruit snacks
- cookies
- pretzels
- raisins
- granola bars
- crackers/chips
- goldfish

individual packages please

PLEASE DROP OFF FOOD BY AUG. 17TH



Bethesda Help

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need

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

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

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Walter Schwartz who passed on July 28.
- The family of Bill Davis (Ellen Gagne's husband) who passed on July 17. Information regarding the memorial service at BHPC will be forthcoming.
- The family of Liz Sobrino (BHNS Director) whose mother passed on July 19.
- The family of Lois Best (Sharon Griffith's mother) who died on July 19.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations:

- Mubarak Yousufy's application for US citizenship has been approved (Mubarak is one of the Afghan refugees whose family we helped).

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

- Those hospitalized, injured, facing surgery, being treated for chronic illness, cancer, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical tests and/or results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people are experiencing war, hurt, and division:

- The people of Gaza who are in dire need for food and humanitarian aid.
- All government leaders to use wisdom to govern in the best interest and welfare of all the people.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- Those who live in hope for an end to gun violence.

Our Staff

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
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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.

August 10 | Organ: Giles Cooke

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

August 17 | Organ: Annabel Hunter

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August 24 | Hymn Sing | Pulpit Exchange | Organ: Annabel Hunter

Message: Rabbi Eric Abbott from BJC

August 31 | Holy Humor Sunday | VBS Song | Blessing of the Backpacks
Organ: Annabel Hunter | Tenor Section Leader Steven Slupe

Congregational Meeting | Ice Cream Social

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

September 7 | Welcome Back Sunday

Fall schedule begins with Coffee Hour and Adult Education

Two services at 8:30 a.m. (outside)/10:30 a.m.

Fall sermon series begins – “Being a Christian in the 21st Century”

Commission church teachers | Communion

Preaching: Pastor David Gray



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