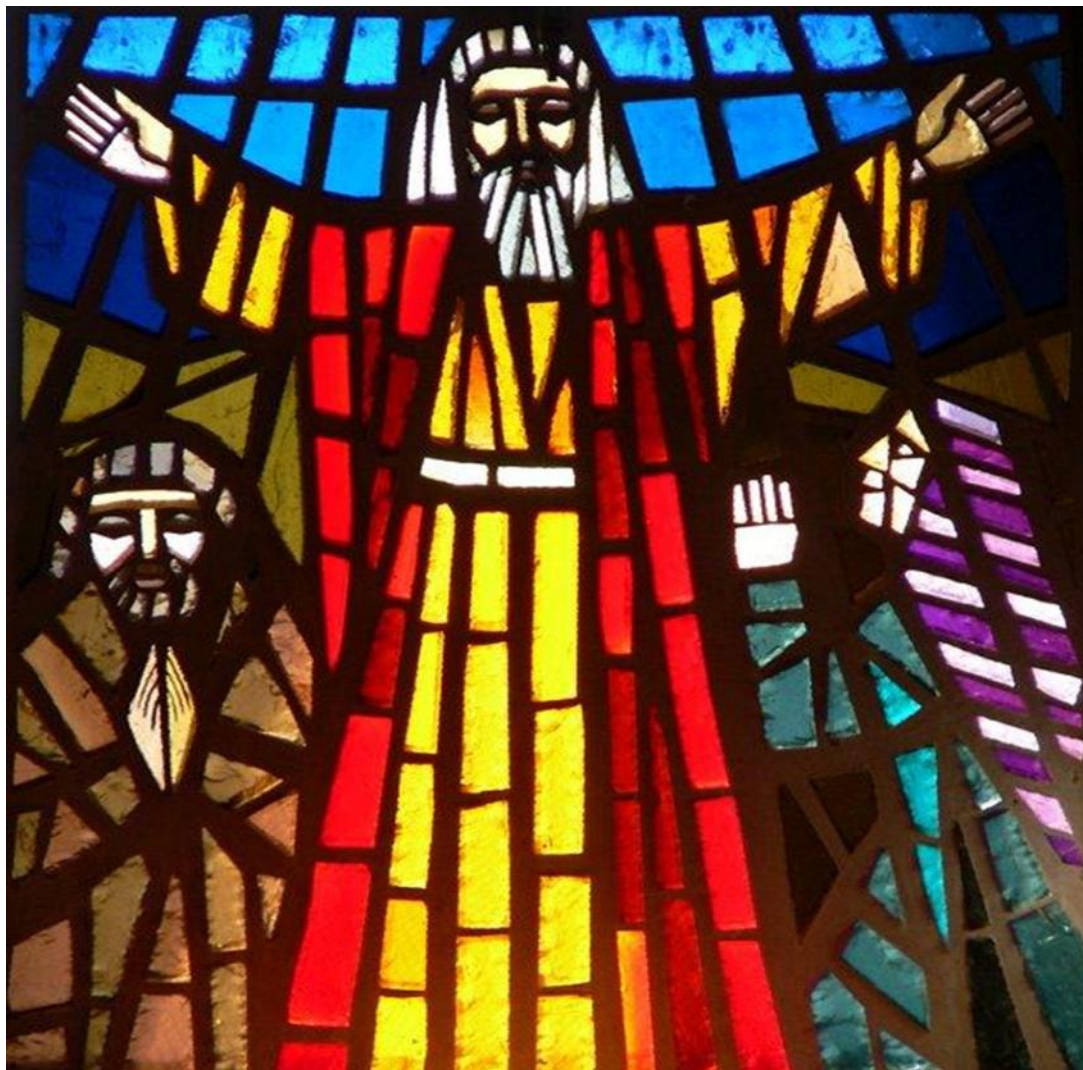




Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
November 23, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship
Christ is King Sunday

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.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor Denise Diaab

GATHERING MUSIC

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BWV 658

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathie Lutter

One: Blessed be the Lord God,

All: for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

One: Blessed be the Lord God,

All: for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.

One: Blessed be the Lord God, for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

All: Blessed be the Lord God! Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 482

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

One: I lift my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Judy Ozone

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Elder John Grobowski

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

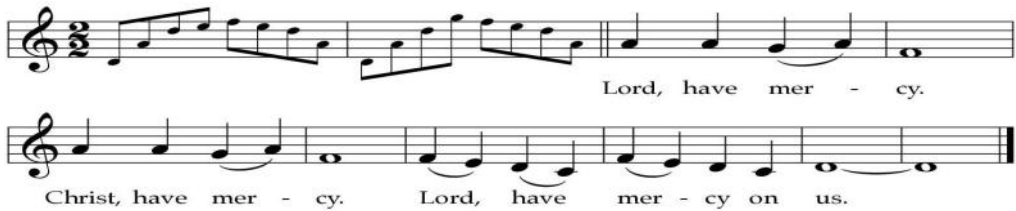
PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Hear us as we confess...

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE

Singapore



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.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kids ages 3 years old to 4th grade are invited to Church School during the 10:30 a.m. service. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in the education hallway.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:67-79

Chancel Player Jean Dudek

ANTHEM

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

- Psalm 145:15-16

SERMON

Denise Diaab

*HYMN 276

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

Kerrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah! *Fine*
1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry
fore now the Lord. And play for God on
the has come. He has turned your
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the
glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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 or basket, make a pledge through Giving Now or under the Stewardship section of the website. 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

Ride On, King Jesus

African-American Spiritual, arr. Boatner

*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

In unison.

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 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of November 30

Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall and 10:30 a.m. in-person and online

First Sunday of Advent | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

8:30 a.m. A more casual service in Covenant Hall

9:15 a.m. Adult Education in the Lounge and on Zoom. Childcare included.

10:30 a.m. Our traditional service with music from the Chancel Choir and Church School for our little ones through 5th grade.

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

BRADLEY HILLS

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER TO BRING
CHILI OR TOPPINGS:



**JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING OF
DELICIOUS CHILI
AND FELLOWSHIP.**

**PRIZES FOR THE
BEST CHILI'S!**

\$10/AGE 12 & UP |

\$5/AGE 5-11

ALL FUNDS WILL GO TO
SUPPORT YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS.

**NOVEMBER 23, 2025
5:00-7:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL HALL**



BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ZOOM PRESENTATION

SACRED MYSTERIES OF THE LABYRINTH - A TOOL TO GUIDE THE WAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 7:00-8:30



Meeting ID: 890 5763 4034
Passcode: 950663

In preparation for our annual Church Labyrinth Walk on the First Sunday of Advent (November 30), we invite you to join us via zoom to learn more about this ancient tool for awareness and spiritual connection.

We will be sharing a recorded presentation by labyrinth expert, Charles Bernstein on the symbolism, mysteries, and sacred geometry of the world-famous Chartres Cathedral labyrinth in France. He will help us explore how the labyrinth can assist us in:

- Finding inner peace – beyond outer circumstances
- Focusing and staying present to the moment
- Opening our minds and hearts to fresh perspectives

Adult Education - November

Adult Education meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge and on Zoom. Childcare is provided.

November 30th | Adult Ed will not meet over the Thanksgiving weekend. Join us between services for a Labyrinth walk outside.

Update on Capital Campaign | Thank you all for your input in September about a possible capital campaign for BHPC. Your attendance at first impression gatherings, your filling out surveys and your sharing ideas and comments were much appreciated. Based on very strong congregational support for going forward, our Session has voted to proceed with an effort to ensure the sustainability and impact of BHPC for the long term. We will follow up in the new year with details about the role each of us can play. Please pray for our beloved community as we approach our campaign launch on February 1, 2026.

Advent Candle Lighting | We begin worship during Advent with lighting of our Advent candles as the Call to Worship. If you and your family would like to participate and light candles during a Sunday in Advent, reach out to David at David@bradleyhillchurch.org.



Christmas AT BRADLEY HILLS

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

November 30
5:00-6:00 pm

Gather in Sanctuary



Outside tree lighting followed by hot cocoa and fellowship (inside).

Christmas AT BRADLEY HILLS

FAMILY CONNECTIONS LUNCH & ADVENT WORKSHOP

December 7
Noon

Memorial Hall
All are welcome!

RSVP by
scanning the QR
code:



Angel Gift Tree | Give a gift to a child or senior citizen. Names will be available on Nov 23 and Nov 30, in Covenant Hall. Sign up, get the wish list and gift tag, go shopping, wrap the gift, bring it to the sanctuary NO LATER THAN 10:30 on Sunday December 7. Have fun!



Gift recipients come from The Women's Collective, Dennis Avenue Health Center, and Patterson Elementary school. The Patterson children are from the neighborhood served by the Faith Presbyterian Feeding Families program.



Olive Oil Ministry | The Olive Oil Ministry is an all volunteer ecumenical project of more than 25 congregations in the greater Washington, DC region, which supports the Palestinian agricultural sector. The sales of olive oil and related products generate income for Palestinian families in the West Bank and Gaza, promote peace and justice, and raise awareness of the struggles in Gaza and the West Bank.

Sale of Palestinian olive oil and related products will be held in Covenant Hall each Sunday between the two services through 21 December. Two varieties of olive oil, one mild and one zesty, are offered as well as olive oil soap, olive or tomato tapenade, and packages of za'atar (a spice blend of dried herbs). Most of the olive oil and other products are produced by al-'Ard Agriproducts Company in Nablus, and many qualify for organic and/or fair-trade certifications.

Special Mission Request | The Interfaith Refugee Initiative is urgently looking for a volunteer math tutor for Gulan, a delightful 5th grader, daughter of Mubarak and Olfat, an Afghan family we have been supporting since 2017. Please contact Brigitte Burgett at bkburgett@gmail.com if you can help.

Sign Up to Provide a Meal | 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.



Sign-ups are now open for 2026.

Sign up to provide a
meal at Becky's House:



Sign up to provide a
meal at Lon's House:

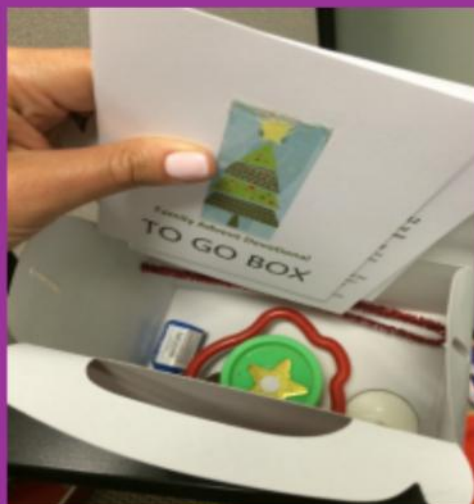


BHPC Families and Friends

Pick up your family's
very own
Advent-To-Go Box!

Advent Devotionals for
your family to use at
home!

Pick up outside Rosanna's
office at the end of
November.



Bradley
Hills
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stewardship Note | This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving. But it is never too early to thank God for all the blessings that God has given us, and it is never too early to give back to God a portion of those blessings to support the work of Christ through Bradley Hills. We give thanks for your past gifts and for your pledges of gifts for the coming year. And if you have not yet pledged what you expect to give in 2026, it is not too late. You can submit your pledge on Realm (look for the cloud symbol at the very bottom of the BHPC website), by email to jan@bradleyhillchurch.org, by regular mail, by placing it in the offering plate during worship, or by dropping it off at the church office.

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



Thanksgiving is time to pause and give thanks for our many blessings. BHPCNS is thankful for all that BHPC does to make our school so successful. For 68 years, BHPC has embraced the nursery school as a mission of the church. Thank you to David, Denise, and Rosanna for your leadership and creating such a welcoming community for the children of BHPCNS and including BHPCNS families in the children and family programs at BHPC. Thank you to Farid and the sextons for keeping the building operational, safe and clean. Thank you to Kristen and Jan for helping us schedule and keep our finances in line. And thank you to our nursery school board, chaired by Rosanna Morrison for her leadership throughout the year. We are truly thankful to everyone at BHPC!

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Thomas Kirby and Ivonne Garza on the loss of Thomas' aunt, Martha Sigler.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations, including:

- The meaningful and memorable Interfaith Service which included the Interfaith Choir.
- The wonderful Interfaith Brunch with good food and fellowship. Many thanks to ICPC for hosting and Bill Edelblut for providing the food.

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

- Those injured, having procedures of any kind, hospitalized, 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.
- Will (Carol Starr's grandson) who is having surgery on November 25.
- Donald.
- Jack (Linda Kauskay's friend) who is scheduled for surgery later this month to remove a malignant tumor.
- Peter, who is receiving hospice care.
- Dick Tustian for health and well-being.
- Betsy Scroggs for healing and complete recovery from surgery.
- Ed for healing and well-being.
- Violet for healing and well-being.
- Jessica Bello (Brian Bello's mother) for healing and well-being.
- Sharon Griffith for continued healing and well-being.
- Ben Flowe 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 war, hurt, and division including:

- All those experiencing food insecurity.
- All employees who may be experiencing repercussions from the recent shutdown of the federal government.
- Prayers that those in authority lead considering the welfare of all the people.
- The future of the church.
- Peace in the Middle East that benefits all the people.
- The people of Gaza who are in dire need of food and humanitarian aid.
- The hope for an end to gun violence.
- The welfare of our country.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Jewish, Muslim, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- The people in Sudan, Palestine, South Korea, Syria, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia.
- Those recovering from addiction and/or those suffering from mental illness.
- Those who are caregivers.

Fall at Bradley Hills

Worship

Worship at 8:30 a.m. | In Covenant Hall

Worship at 10:30 a.m. | In the Sanctuary and online

Adult Education & Small Groups

Adult Education | 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge and on Zoom

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 | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Lounge

Feeding Families | Pack and distribute groceries in Anacostia

Children and Family Programs

Childcare | Children 3 and under at 10:30 a.m. Worship

Church School | Sundays at 10:45 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.

Youth Group | Sundays at Noon in the Youth Lounge

Desserts and Devotions | Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Kitchen

Confirmation Class | Select Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge

Music

Chancel Choir | Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Alleluia Singers | Sunday from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lantern Chorale | Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

70th Anniversary Ornaments | Exciting news - there are remaining commemorative 70th ornaments for purchase. These would make a beautiful Christmas tree decoration or stocking stuffer. Ornaments can be purchased for \$10 (cash or check) - proceeds going to the BHPC 70th fund.

Contact Kristen Abbott at kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org if interested.



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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), Brynn Farlow (tenor), Steven Slupe (bass)

Sign-Up 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

8:30 a.m. (Covenant Hall) and 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

November 30 | First Sunday of Advent | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

December 7 | Second Sunday of Advent | Communion |
Preaching: Pastor David Gray

December 14 | Third Sunday of Advent | Lessons and Carols

December 17 | Blue Christmas

December 21 | Fourth Sunday of Advent | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

December 24 | Christmas Eve Services | 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
Preaching | Pastor David Gray

December 28 | One Service at 10:30 a.m. | Preaching: Han Setiawan



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