



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
February 15, 2026  
10:30 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](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org)**

In Christ's hope,

David Gray, Senior Pastor | **[david@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto: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. Classes will be held March 1 and 8 and new members join March 15.

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILLON PEAL

### GATHERING MUSIC

Improvisation on 'HOLY MANNA'

Paul Vasile

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

I Look to the Hills (Psalm 121)

Alleluia Singers  
Roddy Hamilton

### \*HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Weisse Flaggen

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

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.**

## CONFESSING AND PRAISING

*In unison.*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Pastor Denise Diaab

Merciful and gracious God, our faults are before you and our lack of faith apparent. We humbly bow before your unending compassion. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. We confess...

*Silence for personal confession.*

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.

Glory to God

From the Lima Liturgy (Peru)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Glo ry to God, glo ry to God, glo ry in the high - est! To God be glo - ry for - ev er. To God be glo - ry for - ev er. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!" The score includes alternating parts for a Leader and All. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords and rests.

## EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children (pre-k through fifth grade) are invited to exit the sanctuary for Church School. If this is your child's first time at Bradley Hills, please accompany them out to meet their teacher in the Gathering Space.

### REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

Marie Marquis, soprano and Natalia Kojanova, alto

Bruce Neswick

Epiphany Carol

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold, grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by You, But Your bidding I will do."  
Then from heav'n a double sign— dove-like Spirit, voice divine—  
Hailed the true Anointed One: "This is My beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
Further still was love revealed as He taught, forgave and healed,  
Bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
Where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:  
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv'n as Jesus set His face  
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

## SERMON

What is Good?

David Gray

## \*HYMN 405

What Does the Lord Require

Sharphorne

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

### CALL FOR THE OFFERINGS AND TITHES

**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

Immortal Love, For Ever Full

Richard DeLong

Immortal love, forever full,  
Forever flowing free,  
Forever shared, forever whole,  
A never ebbing sea!

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet,  
A present help is He;  
And faith still has its Olivet,  
And love its Galilee.

Our outward lips confess the name  
All other names above;  
Love only knoweth whence it came,  
And comprehendeth love.

The healing of His seamless dress  
Is by our beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again.

We may not climb the heavenly steps  
To bring the Lord Christ down;  
In vain we search the lowest deeps,  
For Him no depths can drown.

O Lord and Master of us all,  
Whate'er our name or sign,  
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,  
We test our lives by Thine.

## \*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology 591

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## RESPONSE IN PRAYER

### RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

#### Response for Concerns:

One: Lord, in your mercy,  
All: Hear our prayers.

#### Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,  
All: We praise the Lord.

## 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

Dare to Live the Dream

HOLY MANNA / David Bjorlin

1. Dare to live the dream God gives you, seek out paths as yet unknown,  
for the Spirit leads you onward, and you never walk alone.

Refrain:

Go in courage, walking humbly, bearing love none can destroy.  
Doing justice, loving mercy, go with God, and go in joy.

2. When the dread of doubt assails you, and the road remains unclear,  
yet our faithful God will guide you through the doubt and dread of fear. Refrain.

3. Journey on with true companions, joining hands and sharing bread,  
for we share a common journey and in friendship we are fed. Refrain

4. Dare to live the dream God gives us, brave the path, and face the fear,  
for the Spirit will unite us; Christ himself is always near. Refrain

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## SENDING MUSIC

*Un poco allegro* from Trio Sonata No. 4, BWV 528

J.S. Bach

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### Preview of February 22

**Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online**

First Sunday of Lent | Preaching - Pastor David Gray

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

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

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

## Upcoming Music Opportunities

Building on interest expressed by several folks in the congregation, you're invited to experience the church's Holtkamp pipe organ after worship **TODAY, February 15 at 11:45 a.m.** Grab a cup of coffee and then come to the Choir Loft for a 30-to-40-minute introduction. It's the best spot to see the console and experience the colors of the organ up close.



The **Bradley Ringers** will rehearse again on **Saturday, February 21 at 2 p.m.** and ring in worship on **February 22**. The **Lantern Chorale** (grades 4-8) also resumes rehearsals on **Thursday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m.** and continues until March 25.

## Action Forum | TODAY | 11:45 a.m. in the Library

Light lunch will be offered.

Discussion will include: details of January visit to Office of Public Witness; Minneapolis updates including roles being taken by churches; and any feedback regarding proposed tutoring at Sargent Shriver Elementary in Rockville.

To participate in OPW's monthly Presbyterian Advocacy Zoom meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 25 at noon, please sign-up on the Office of Public Witness website so that you will have all appropriate Zoom information in hand.

**Lenten  
Family  
Small Groups**  
**Begins February 23, 5:30–8:00 pm**  
Dinner for the whole family  
Childcare during discussion  
Sign up with Ming Tseng at  
[tseng.minghui@gmail.com](mailto:tseng.minghui@gmail.com)

# Ash Wednesday

*February 18*

You are invited to attend one of these meaningful services to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent. We will have a drive-through Imposition of Ashes from 7:00 - 9:00 am, and there will be Communion and Imposition of Ashes at both the 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm services. Message by Pastor Denise Diaab.



7:00 - 9:00 AM Drive Through

Please enter the campus on Greentree Rd.

1:00 PM In Person

7:30 PM In Person & Online

## The Lenten Season: Coming Soon

February 18 to April 4, 2026

**Ash Wednesday**, February 18

**Palm Sunday**, March 29

**Maundy Thursday**, April 2

**Good Friday**, April 3

**Easter Sunday**, April 5



## Upcoming Adult Education

**February 22** | Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible, returns to Bradley Hills under popular demand to lead us in a dynamic study of ancient texts that speak to contemporary challenges.



What light can the biblical texts below shed on the politics and foreign policy of the United States today, particularly regarding immigration, the take-over of Venezuela (and possibly of Greenland), and Christian Nationalism?

In the second of two sessions, we will continue to explore critically Holy War (war in God's name) in the Book of Joshua (chaps. 2, 6, 7) and today, as well as the complexity of violence, both textual and interpretive. Are the Canaanites deserving of extinction? Why? Has God ordained Holy War against them? What does Joshua have in common with Christian Nationalism?



Looking to Connect?  
Want to Explore Membership?  
March 1 & 8 | Library  
Lunch Included

## New Member Class

Pastor David will lead a class for those interested in finding out more about Bradley Hills or membership. He'll also fill you in on the many offerings here and how you can get involved. New Members join March 15.



Contact Pastor David at [david@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillchurch.org)

### 3 Ways to Take Action on Immigration

Since 2016, the Interfaith Refugee Family Support Initiative has helped numerous refugee families and individuals from Afghanistan settle and gain a foothold in our community. While this work continues, some members of BHPC, BJC and MIIC have suggested that we expand the scope of our activities to address new and exacerbated challenges faced by new entrants to the United States. These challenges include sharp reductions in the number of refugees arriving in the US, a dismantling of the refugee support system, new travel bans for people from designated countries and stricter enforcement of immigration laws, including enhanced removals (deportations).

The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee (ICPC) has identified types of activities in which you may want to engage (as an individual or in a group):

Partnering with the DMV Accompaniment Network (DAN), which trains volunteer accompaniers to go to immigration court to provide support to detained people. After volunteers are trained and vetted, they receive information about specific requests and are able to sign-up to participate, as their schedule allows.

Participating in Rapid Response Watch, which entails training for volunteers who go out to neighborhoods to record and report.

*Interested individuals can get in touch with groups to be trained and participate. Some of our staff have gone through similar trainings. Email [icpc6601@gmail.com](mailto:icpc6601@gmail.com) if you'd like more info.*

If you'd like to advocate for national, state, and/or county-level action to support immigrants such as writing campaigns or attendance at hearings, rallies, and vigils. Contact BJC's Gary Sampliner [gsampliner@gmail.com](mailto:gsampliner@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating and/or receiving regular immigration updates.

Individuals can join the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA), <https://nnia-maryland.org>. The NNIA mobilizes volunteers to help migrant families through a wide variety of support activities that our members can learn about.

Individuals can offer to volunteer with the Interfaith Refugee Family Support Initiative by contacting either Brigitte Burgett (BHPC) [bkburgett@gmail.com](mailto:bkburgett@gmail.com) or Evelyn Ganzglass (BJC) [eganzglass@gmail.com](mailto:eganzglass@gmail.com) who cochair the initiative. Taking on a new family will require a greater commitment of time and effort than joining the NNIA.

*Let the ICPC know by emailing [icpc6601@gmail.com](mailto:icpc6601@gmail.com) if you are taking or would like to take any of these actions as an individual so that we can coordinate efforts and share experiences.*

## Voices Among Us | How Everyday People Support Refugee and Struggling Families in the DMV area

Every day, ordinary people in our community are showing up in extraordinary ways.

The ICPC invites you to join us for an inspiring gathering featuring members from BHPC, BJC, and MIIC, as they share stories and strategies of how their congregations have been walking alongside refugees in our area, offering support, compassion, and hope as families rebuild their lives.

The panel will include Brigitte Burgett from BHPC, Evelyn Ganzglass from BJC and Airokhsh Faiz from MIIC. We will also hear from Larry Johnson, the founder of Bridge the Gap, who will speak about empowering refugees through access to reliable transportation and how providing cars can open doors to work, independence, and dignity. Donations of older cars with "good bones" welcome!

Come learn, listen, be inspired and get involved if you feel called to do so.

When: Monday, February 16th, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Covenant Hall, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

How: In person and on zoom. You must RSVP to receive zoom link



Register here.

**A Stewardship Note** | As part of Christ's body on earth, Bradley Hills seeks to show Christ's light to everyone around us. We could not do it without your generous financial gifts. Thank you.

### Ways to Give at BHPC

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Click the **GIVE NOW** button

## **Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us**

### **We hold in God's healing presence those experiencing loss and grief, including:**

- All those who lost loved ones in the mass shooting in Tumbler Ridge, Canada.

### **We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.**

### **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.
- Joel Fickett for health and well-being.
- Mark Rubin (Sara Todd's friend) for healing and full recovery from heart attack.
- Araceli Hernandez Gonzalez (Janelle McLean's friend) who is being treated for Aplastic anemia.
- Nancy Taylor for health and well-being.
- Gretchen Gaines for health and well-being.
- Eric (son of Pam & David Hammers) for health and well-being.
- Jeanne & Dick Tustian for health and well-being.
- Ed Everitt for health and well-being.
- Margaret and Kristine Yeager who are being treated for significant burns.
- Carol Frenkel for healing and full recovery from shoulder surgery.
- Donald Sutherland for health and well-being.
- Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, Sharon Griffith, Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie, Helen, Ed, and Violet for health and well-being.
- Janet (Kristen Abbott's mother) 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:**

- The community of Tumbler Ridge, Canada and all those directly impacted by the recent mass shooting.
- The uniformed officers, police, FBI agents, ICE agents, members of our military, and members of the national guard who are serving under challenging conditions.
- The welfare of our country; that those in authority lead with integrity considering 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.
- All those experiencing food and housing insecurity.
- Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine that benefits all the people.
- The realization of the hope for an end to gun violence.
- The people in Sudan, Palestine, Israel, South Korea, Syria, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia. And Venezuela.
- Those recovering from addiction.
- Those suffering from mental illness.

# Winter 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

**Lenten Small Groups** | February 20-March 29 | Daytime and Evening | In-person and Zoom groups

**Grief Support Group** | 3rd Thursday | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

## 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

## 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.

## The Milestone Workshop for Second Graders on Worship

February 22

March 1

March 15

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Downstairs in the preschool classroom



Register here!



During this 3-session workshop, children and parents learn together about the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. They also learn about how our worship service is organized, the special place where we worship, and how we praise God through song. Activities will be hands-on and child-friendly.

On the last day of the workshop, the church will give each child who participated in the workshop their own Presbyterian Church (USA) Hymnal at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



## 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), Natalia Kojanova (alto), Brynn Farlow (tenor)

**Flower Dedication** | Today's flower dedication is from Catherine Payne and Christina Liu in memory of their dad's birthday.



### Sign-Up for 2026 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.

## Worship Schedule

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

February 18 | Ash Wednesday | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

February 22 | First Sunday of Lent | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

March 1 | Communion | Preaching: Pastor Jong Lee

March 8 | Music Sunday

March 15 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab | New Members Join

March 22 | Confirmation Sunday | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

March 29 | Palm Sunday | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

April 5 | Easter Sunday

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](mailto:kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org), and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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