

First Sunday of Lent



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
February 22, 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

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. Classes will be held March 1 and 8 after church, and new members join March 15.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Bradley Ringers
African-American Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Come to the Lord with openness.

All: We come seeking God's presence for the journey.

One: Bring your doubts, your belief, your hopes, your fears, your dreams.

All: Let us be open to God's vision for our Lenten journey.

*HYMN 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

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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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Summer Youth Trips

Cliff Ty

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

In unison.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we begin Lent we come before you in need of forgiveness. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith, as we confess...

Silence for personal confession.

***KYRIE**

Dinah Reindorf (Ghana)

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One: We pray.

All: **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God is for us and not against us!

All: **For that very reason, God sent God's Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.**

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.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey,

I want Jesus to walk with me.

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;

Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:16-17; 4:1-11

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Lay Me Low

Shaker Song, arr. Siegfried

Lay me low, where the Lord can find me.

Lay me low, where the Lord can own me.

Lay me low, where the Lord can bless me.

Lay me low, oh, lay me low.

SERMON

The Tour of Faith

David Gray

*HYMN 396

O For a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS CM

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of the Church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

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

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name

African-American Spiritual
arr. Brazeal Dennard

*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn 101

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

vs. 4

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were a present far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Jesus Christ Is Waiting

John Bell / NOËL NOUVELET

Jesus Christ is waiting, Waiting in the streets;

No one is his neighbor, All alone he eats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.

Make me, friend or stranger, Fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, Raging in the streets,

Where injustice spirals, And real hope retreats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.

In the Kingdom's causes, Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, Healing in the streets;

Curing those who suffer, Touching those he greets.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.

Let my care be active, Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, Dancing in the streets,

Where each sign of hatred He, with love, defeats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.

On suspicion's graveyard, Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, Calling in the streets,

"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."

Listen, Lord Jesus, Let my fears be few.

Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Chuck Marohnic

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Preview of March 1

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

Communion | Preaching - Pastor Jong Lee

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

Smart Sacks | Join us in the Lounge immediately after the 10:30 service to assemble the sacks, which will go to area families in need.



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.

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



Contact Pastor David at david@bradleyhillchurch.org



Lent

The Walk of Faith

MUSIC SUNDAY

March 8, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

March 22, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, Noon &
7:30 pm

Easter

April 5

9:15 AM

11:15 AM



BRADLEY HILLS'

YOUTH TRIPS



Massanetta:
(Middle School)
July 7-12

Montreat:
(High School)
July 11-18

**High School
Mission Trip:**
June 21-26



Balance due by March 30, 2026

Sign-up and place your deposit for each trip by March 8!

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Scholarships are available.

Chaperones are needed. Interested? Reach out to the trip lead below.

Questions?

Montreat: Cliff Ty (cliffy@aol.com)

Mission Trip: Jan Kang (jan.kang@gmail.com)

Massanetta: Kim Brinkman (ksbrinkman@gmail.com)

Upcoming Adult Education

March 1 | Penny Clark: The Supreme Court, Lower Courts, and the Challenges in the Current Administration:

The relationship between the Supreme Court and Lower Courts, particularly the relationship between the judicial and

administrative branches of government. Bradley Hills member Penny Clark is a retired attorney whose 44-year career included arguing employee benefits cases before the United States Supreme Court. She served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. of the United States Supreme Court from 1974 to 1975 - one of the first dozen women to clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court.



March 8 | How might our dreams help us grow spiritually? Rev. Geoff Nelson, author of “Dreaming in Church” will present a conversation about our dreams, how they might help us understand ourselves and help us become ever more faithful in our life with Christ. Geoff will be open to discuss Biblical dreams, psychological insights about dreams, and a variety of other dream related concerns that might arise from the class. Join us and learn more about your dreams and your faith. Rev. Geoff Nelson, D. Min., is a retired Presbyterian pastor, from Whittier, California. He is also a trained spiritual director, labyrinth facilitator and received his D. Min. degree for running dream groups in churches. His book, “Dreaming in Church” is available through Amazon and the publisher, Wipf & Stock.

March 15 | Courtney Shea: What good are polls to the country? Can we trust them?

Drawing on 20 years of experience in survey research, Courtney Shea will discuss the role of public opinion polling in society. She will describe recent changes in how polls are conducted, along with their strengths and weaknesses. Courtney will address the causes of polling errors in recent elections and provide a behind-the-scenes look at how major news organizations use polling to explain vote results on election night. Courtney Shea is the Vice President of Methods and Innovation at Pew Research Center and has been a member of Bradley Hills since 2022. She is responsible for the design of Pew's surveys, data science projects, and methodological research and development. She has also served as an Election Night Analyst for NBC News since 2008. Prior to joining Pew, she designed surveys for ABC News/Washington Post, U.S. Department of Labor, Centers for Disease Control, and the U.S. Air Force.

The poster features a dark red background with a gold geometric pattern. At the top, there are two large gold crescent moons and several hanging gold lanterns. In the center, the text reads: "YOU ARE INVITED TO Ramadan INTERFAITH IFTAR". Below this, it says "Join us for an evening of community, reflection and fellowship as we come together to break our fast". The date is "MARCH SATURDAY 7 5:30 -7:30 PM". The location is "MEMORIAL HALL, 6601 BRADLEY BLVD., BETHESDA, MD 20817". There is a QR code on the right side. At the bottom, it says "RSVP By March 1, 2026" and provides the URL "https://evite.me/3Pq5TE5NCF".

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ISLAMIC CENTER

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Ramadan

INTERFAITH IFTAR

Join us for an evening of community, reflection and fellowship as we come together to break our fast

MARCH

SATURDAY **7** 5:30 -7:30 PM

MEMORIAL HALL, 6601 BRADLEY BLVD., BETHESDA, MD 20817



RSVP By March 1, 2026
<https://evite.me/3Pq5TE5NCF>

Refugee Shabbat 2026 | Friday March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Bethesda Jewish Congregation invites BHPC members and their extended circles to join us for Refugee Shabbat on Friday March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Covenant Hall. At this special service we will reaffirm our shared commitment to welcoming the stranger and standing with the immigrant community. This event is coordinated at synagogues nationally by HIAS, an international Jewish non-profit organization that provides humanitarian aid, legal protection, and resettlement services to refugees, asylum seekers, and forcibly displaced people worldwide, regardless of their faith or ethnicity.

Guest speaker: The Rev. Anne E. Darse of St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church

Oneg with refreshments and conversation to follow the service.

A Stewardship Note | This is the first Sunday of Lent. As we meditate on Christ's coming sacrifice and look for ways to serve, we are grateful for every Bradley Hills member and friend whose gifts of time, talent, and money make our worship and service possible. In this way we follow Peter's advice to the early Church: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." | Peter 4:10 (N.R.S.V.).

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



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Bethesda, MD 20817

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



ICPC Book Discussion

THE BOOK OF JOY

Lasting Happiness in a Changing World

By Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu

Read the book and come share your thoughts

MARCH 24
7:00 PM

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

Use QR Code or RSVP to

icpc6601@gmail.com



Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

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.
- Rosanna Howard and family.
- Joel Fickett for healing and well-being.
- 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 whose healing and recovery for shoulder surgery are going well.
- Donald Sutherland for health and well-being.
- Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, Sharon Griffith, Helen, Ed, and Violet for health and well-being.

We hold in God's healing presence family and friends of BHPC community.

- Steve (Elizabeth St. John's brother) is having a biopsy on February.
- Shannon (friend of Charles Brodine's friend) who is recovering from surgery for carcinoma of the liver.
- Araceli Hernandez Gonzalez (Janelle McLean's friend) who is being treated for Aplastic anemia..
- Janet (Kristen Abbott's mother) for health and well-being.
- Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie.

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 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.
- Those who are caregivers.

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.

BHPC Nursery School | Thank you to everyone who voted for BHPCNS as Best Preschool in Best of Bethesda. We are proud to be awarded Readers' Pick, Finalist, Best Preschool for the third consecutive year.

Our classes are filling up fast for the 2026-2027 school year. BHPCNS is a play based preschool program for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year-old children. BHPCNS has a strong emphasis on supporting each child's social-emotional development in a developmentally-appropriate way. For more information about our school or to arrange a tour, please call 301-365-2909 or email us at BHPCNS@yahoo.com. You can also check out our website at www.bhpcns.org!



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 | The flowers are dedicated by the Poffenroths, in memory of Polly's mom, Dixie Wood.



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)

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 2 | Maundy Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

April 3 | Good Friday | Noon and 7:30 p.m. | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

April 5 | Easter Sunday | Identical Services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. |
Preaching: Pastor David Gray

Interested in Staying Up-to-Date on BHPC? Get Connected!

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Office Manager at kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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