



Fourth Sunday of Lent  
again & again, rejoice



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
March 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 to connect. The next new member class will be held on May 17, with new members joining May 31!

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILLON PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude

Guest Organist Sonya Sutton  
Nadia Boulanger

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice! God does not see as mortals see.

**All: We look on the outward appearance.**

One: God looks on the heart.

**All: LORD, give us eyes to see as you see!**

One: LORD, thank you for your goodness and faithful love.

**All: Rejoice! Let us worship God!**

### \*HYMN 467

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

### 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.*

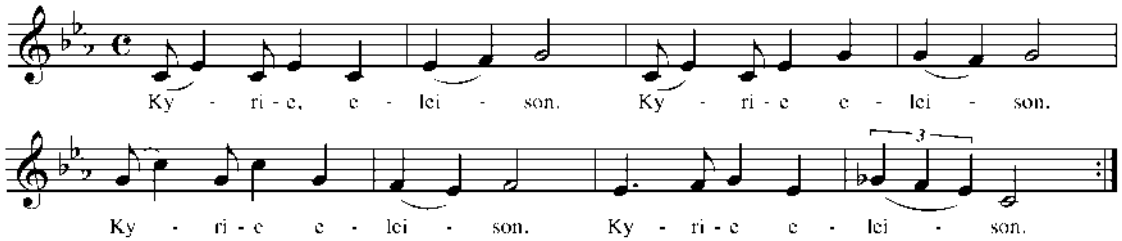
### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are a people who again and again turn to that which does not please you. We leave out our wrong-doings but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Open our eyes that we may see as you see. May we tend to the forgotten, the overlooked, the ones who are invisible to us. We pray that by your grace and guidance we may live more fruitful lives, doing your will, not ours. Hear our prayers as we confess...

*Silence for personal confession.*

## KYRIE

Dinah Reindorf (Ghana)



Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
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One: We pray.

All: **Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. Friends, as God's beloved people, receive and 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.*

## HYMN 363 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,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Worship Workshop Bonnie Peyer and Jana Coffey  
*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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

O For a Closer Walk with God

Scottish Psalter, arr. C.V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest:  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

- William Cowper

## SERMON

Pastor Denise Diab

## \*HYMN

Take, O Take Me As I Am

John Bell

*This short song by John Bell is meant to be sung many times, like a Taizé chant, until it becomes a mantra or prayer of the heart. Listen, sing, and let these words anchor you this Lenten season.*



Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

## 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

God Has Chosen Me

Bernadette Farrell

God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.  
God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light.  
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,  
to remove oppression and break down fear, yes, God's time is near.

God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.  
God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth.  
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,  
to remove oppression and break down fear, yes, God's time is near.  
God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.  
God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice.  
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,  
to remove oppression and break down fear, yes, God's time is near.

## \*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 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## SENDING MUSIC

Toccata

Mel(anie) Bonis

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**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.

### Preview of March 22

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent | Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Confirmation Sunday

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

## Action Forum

TODAY from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Library

We will focus on Holy Discontentment\* – to support one another in stepping up as Christians for equity, inclusion, justice, truth. The focus will include 1) a brief meditation on the Stations (Way) of the Cross as applied to sites of injustice, pain and remembrance in Washington, DC, 2) updates on organized responses to the plans to build and refit buildings for immigrant detention in Maryland, 2) tutoring to support children from vulnerable families in local elementary schools, 3) coordinating to participate in the No Kings event on March 28, 4) sharing regarding impacts of the Excursion in Iran.

*A light lunch will be served. Grab coffee or water from the Gathering Space before coming to the Library.*

# Easter

*At Bradley Hills*

## Sunday, April 5



SERVICES AT

9:15 AM & 11:15 AM

Message by Pastor David Gray

WITH BRASS AND CHOIR

## HOLY WEEK

**PALM  
SUNDAY**

**March 29**

8:30 & 10:30 am  
(In-person &  
Online)

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**April 2**

7:30 pm  
(In-person)

**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

**April 3**

12:00 pm  
(In-person)  
7:30 pm  
(In-person &  
Online)





# Easter Egg Hunt

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
**10:30 AM**

Join us for Easter Sunday!

Services at 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Egg Hunt will be between services.  
Meet at the playground!



# Spring Fling



*Bring your gardening gloves and tools - **all ages** are invited to join us as we work together to care for and refresh our church grounds.*

**March 22**

11:45 a.m. outside of the Education Doors



**Kimberly Cheng** is a New York City native and was raised at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. She is a historian and educator and currently works at New York University's academic center in Washington, DC. Kimberly, her husband, and their two-year-old, Avery, have been thankful for the congregation's warm welcome!



**Stewi and Andy Corno** live in Potomac with their daughter Kaitlin. They are excited to officially join the Bradley Hills community and look forward to growing in faith and service together. Their daughters, Cameron (forever 6) and Kaitlin (5), both attended Sunday school and participated as animals in the BHPC Christmas pageant over the past few years, and Kaitlin also enjoyed attending VBS last summer.



Following Cameron's passing last June, their family was grateful for the love and support of the BHPC community, especially Pastor David for leading her celebration of life service at National Presbyterian Church. The Cornos carry Cameron's joyful spirit with them, and her life continues to inspire the way they live through their charitable work supporting pediatric brain cancer research.

**WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS**

**Andrew and Samantha Sloan** are excited to be part of the church community. They have three children: Matilda (6), Wyatt (3), and Cornelia (10 months). Matilda attends Seven Locks Elementary and Wyatt is at BHP CNS. As a family, they look forward to getting to know others in the congregation and being an active part of the community in the years ahead.



**Kenta Usui** is originally from Yokohama, Japan. He has lived in the DC area for the past 10 years, and now lives with his wife, Ting, from China and two sons, Haluki and Akila. Kenta is a bass in the Chancel choir. Akila is also in the Alleluia Singers and looks forward to the post-service cookie treats. Kenta works at the World Bank, supporting expansion of electricity access and renewable energy development in Africa. He enjoys cooking, swimming and biking.



## Upcoming Adult Education

**March 22 | David Renwick - An Explosive Mix: 1. Warring Cultures & Culture Wars in Jesus' Time** - A Fast-paced Historical Survey of 350BC-AD100. With the remarkable military campaigns of Alexander the Great (356-323BC), Greek culture (as with American culture today throughout the world) spread across the Ancient Near East transforming local cultures. By the 1st century BC, another great power was on the rise: Rome, whose republic collapsed just before the birth of Jesus (lessons for us today?), and whose expanding empire under the first emperor, Augustus, crushed all opposition, but created peace throughout the Mediterranean world. While military resistance to such power was futile, both cultural attraction and resistance were in active tension with both Greece and Rome in Judea in the 1st centuries BC and AD – the time of Jesus.

**A Stewardship Note** | We are grateful for our church staff, not only for those who guide and teach us, but also for those who make it possible for the church to function as a healthy, safe, and lively place to worship, a place to consider "home." Thank you.

## 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](http://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](mailto:icpc6601@gmail.com)



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

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

- The family of Sherry (Carol Starr's friend) whose husband Bob died on March 7.
- The family of Susan M. Williams (mother of Scott Williams).
- The family of Peggy Mentzer (Rosanna Morrison's mother) whose memorial service is on March 14.

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

- The meaningful musical journey through the Psalms of Ascent last Sunday.
- The Ramadan Iftar celebration with MIIIC.

### **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.
- Dorothy Kirkendall who is receiving hospice care.
- Helen Hobson for health and well-being.
- Gloria Androa for health and well-being.
- Rosanna Howard and family.
- Joel Fickett for healing and well-being.
- Donald Sutherland for health and well-being (cards to the home are welcomed).
- Nancy Taylor 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 recovering from significant burns.
- Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, Sharon Griffith, Chuck, Karen, Helen, Ed, and Violet for health and well-being.

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

- Mary Dague (Terry Brady's sister) for healing and complete recovery from open heart surgery on March 10.
- Jeanne Undy (Sally Fowler's mother) who is being treated for broken ribs resulting from a fall.
- Piper Sutton (Jean Sutton's daughter-in-law, Kinne Sutton's widow) for healing and well-being.
- Rose (friend of Elaine Hunt) for healing and recovery from gall bladder and kidney infections.
- Steve, Dorrance, Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie, and Jan.

### **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:**

- An end to the war in Iran and peace in the Middle East.
- 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.
- All those experiencing food and housing insecurity.
- The realization of the hope for an end to gun violence.
- The people in Afghanistan, 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.

**ICPC Leadership Farewell Gathering** | Judy Ozone, beloved co-chair of the ICCP for several years is moving to Minnesota next month. The ICCP is hosting a farewell gathering for its members and friends for Judy on March 21, from 2-4 p.m. in the Lounge. Please contact Evelyn if you would like to join at [eganzglass@gmail.com](mailto:eganzglass@gmail.com).

## **Easter Flower Sign-Ups**

Through March 22

Purchase your Easter azaleas, hydrangeas, and lilies for \$25/plant! To place your order, sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex, scan the QR code, look for the link to the Sign-Up Genius in the weekly emails, or contact Bie Fox, Susan Vanderver, or anyone else on Flower Guild. Each plant purchased comes with a dedication that will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.



## Our Staff

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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)

Throughout Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). Gifts to this offering support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks. You can also designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line of a check payable to BHPC or on Realm.



### 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 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

April 12 | Communion | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

April 19 | Blessing of the Animals at 8:30 a.m. service |  
Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab at 10:30 a.m. service

### **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),  
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