



Palm/Passion Sunday



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
March 29, 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 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

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia Singers and Chancel Choir
Bret Hesla

Pave the Way with Branches

Jesus is coming, pave the way with branches! Jesus is coming, Hosanna!
Hosanna! Jesus is coming! Hosanna to the Prince of Peace!

GATHERING PRAYER AND CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hosanna!

All: God, save us!

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN 88

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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

Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer. Uncover the masks that obscure our vision and keep us from facing our true selves. Hold us close in our weakness, that we may find the courage to lean on your grace and rest in your forgiveness. Bless us with humility, love, and mercy, that we may be merciful, humble, and loving to everyone we meet, even ourselves....

Silence for personal confession.

KYRIE

Dinah Reindorf (Ghana)

Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Ky ri e e lei son. Ky ri e e lei son.

One: We pray.

All: **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God's goodness and mercy will follow 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 89** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

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

***HYMN 89** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
And the king of glory shall come in.

Who is this king of glory? The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.

Who is this king of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

- Psalm 24:7-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 27:1-4,15-24

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Hands of Holy Week

David Gray

*HYMN 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

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

Christus Paradox

PICARDY, arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

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Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. You, who are our death and our life.

- Sylvia Dunstan

***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 85**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 21

J.S. Bach

***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.

A purple poster with a sunburst pattern in the background. The text is white. In the top left corner is the Bradley Hills logo, which consists of a stylized cross and the words "Bradley Hills". The main text reads "Easter" in a large serif font, followed by "At Bradley Hills" in a cursive font. Below that is "Sunday, April 5" in a large serif font. Further down, it says "IDENTICAL SERVICES AT" in all caps, followed by "9:15 AM & 11:15 AM" in a large serif font. Below that is "Message by Pastor David Gray" in a smaller serif font, and "WITH BRASS AND CHOIR" in all caps. At the bottom, there are several white lilies with green leaves and stems, arranged in a row.

Bradley Hills

Easter

At Bradley Hills

Sunday, April 5

IDENTICAL SERVICES AT
9:15 AM & 11:15 AM

Message by Pastor David Gray

WITH BRASS AND CHOIR



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!



THE DEACONS INVITE YOU TO

EASTER COFFEE HOUR

**COFFEE | BEVERAGES | SWEET AND
SAVORY BITES | FELLOWSHIP**

IN MEMORIAL HALL
FOLLOWING THE 9:15 AND
11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
SERVICES



Maundy Thursday Services

Message by Pastor Denise Diaab

April 2

7:30 PM | IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED



Maundy Thursday

again & again, we are held together

All are invited to this Contemplative Service

Remembering "The Last Supper"



Handwashing

Communion



Good Friday Services

Message by Pastor Denise Diaab

April 3

12:00 PM | IN PERSON

7:30 PM | IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED



Good Friday

again & again, we find ourselves here

All are invited to this Tenebrae Service

Walk the Stations of the Cross

Last Words of Christ as recorded in the Gospel of John

Quiet time for prayer and reflection



Upcoming Adult Education

April 5 | There will be NO Adult Education on Easter Sunday. Join us for a special Easter Coffee Hour and the Easter Egg Hunt.

April 12 | Meaningful Outreach in Africa: Despite the demise of USAID, Bradley Hills members are working to improve the quality of life in Africa. Learn about projects in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, and Kenya supported by BHPC members. Learn about irrigation projects in Congo from Clint Kelly, retired engineer who led research and advanced technology projects in both government and industry. He is best known for initiating the development of the technology base for autonomous driving and demonstrating the first autonomous vehicle in 1985 that operated on ordinary roads. Karl Klontz, a physician-epidemiologist with forty years' experience working for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will discuss the concept of portable solar power for those in remote areas. Robyn Nietert, President and Founder of Women's Microfinance Initiative (WMI), along with WMI board members June Kyakobye and Montana Stevenson (a BHPC confirmand) will provide an update on the program's outreach to the rural women of East Africa. Now in its 19th year of operation, WMI is building a road out of poverty for thousands of village women and their families through their own hard work, determination, and support from WMI business loans and skills training. Robyn started WMI with June as an outgrowth of a BHPC global service project in Buyobo, Uganda (original home of BHPC member Edith Mafabi).

Blessing of the Animals



**SUNDAY, APRIL 19
8:30 a.m. | Labyrinth**

**Pet friendly worship | Bring animals
of all types to be blessed.**



Upcoming Friends of Music

The Love Triangle: Music and Letters of Johannes Brahms and Robert & Clara Schumann

Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 7:30 pm

Alon Goldstein, *piano*



Join acclaimed pianist **Alon Goldstein** for an intimate exploration of one of classical music's most compelling love stories. Interweaving passionate piano works with excerpts from personal letters, this program reveals the emotional and artistic bonds between Robert and Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms. From Schumann's poetic *Fantasiestücke* to Brahms' tender *Intermezzi*, each piece offers a glimpse into a world where music and emotion are inseparable.

Goldstein, a Steinway Artist and recipient of the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars award, has performed with leading orchestras worldwide and is renowned for his musical intelligence and dynamic personality. His innovative programming and artistic vision have made him a favorite with audiences and critics alike throughout the United States, Europe, and Israel.

American Brass Quintet

Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 7:30 pm



The American Brass Quintet is internationally recognized as one of the premier chamber music ensembles of our time, celebrated for peerless leadership in the brass world. "The most distinguished" of brass quintets (*American Record Guide*), ABQ has earned its stellar reputation through its celebrated performances, genre-defining commissioned works, and an ongoing commitment to the education of generations of musicians.

Individual Tickets: \$40 adult | \$30 student | \$15 child (under 15 years)

Get \$5 off when you advance purchase individual tickets.

For more info and to purchase a subscription or tickets, go to

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/concerts

A Stewardship Note | Assets in a retirement account can be taxed heavily if you leave them to your heirs. To ensure that the assets you worked a lifetime to build will be used for causes close to your heart, consider naming Bradley Hills as beneficiary of a portion of the balance remaining in your retirement account at the end of your life.

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



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Bethesda, MD 20817

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Text "BHPC"
to 73256

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Access the
Bradley Hills Giving page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

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.

Distribute Groceries in Anacostia

Help Is Needed the Third Saturday Each Month!

BHPC is proud to support Faith Presbyterian Church's monthly "Feeding Families" project. The demand is now higher than ever for families in the church's neighborhood. Up to 4-5 BHPC volunteers help Faith's team from 9:00-10:40 am, rain or shine. Volunteers pack 60 grocery bags at the church in Anacostia and distribute them on the church property. Adults, families and teens are welcome.



Sign up on Sign Up Genius!

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, including:

- All blessings and congratulations to Steven Slupe (former BHPC section leader) and wife Mary in celebrating the birth of their son Gabriel on March 22.
- Prayers and blessings for the nine youth who were confirmed last Sunday.

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.
- Continued prayers for health and well-being for: Gloria Androa, Ed Everitt, Ben Flowe, Peg Flowe, Sharon Griffith, Helen Hobson, Joel Fickett, Donald Sutherland, Nancy Taylor, Dick Tustian, Jeanne Tustian, Chuck Weir, Kristine Yeager, Margaret Yeager, Ed, Helen, Karen, and Violet.

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

- Ambar Kripotos (friend of Judy & Richard Webster) who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer.
- Mary Dague (Terry Brady's sister) for healing and complete recovery from open heart surgery.
- Janice (Paul Vasile's mother) for healing and full recovery from hip replacement surgery.
- Rob, recently diagnosed with ALS and Doug for health and well-being (friends of Cheryl Naulty).
- Harry (Elaine Hunt's friend) who is suffering from congestive heart failure.
- Araceli, Dan, Dorrance, Janet, Jessica, Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie, Shannon, and Steve 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:

- An end to the war in Iran, peace in the Middle East, and for the people of Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, Palestine, Israel, South Korea, Syria, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia, and Venezuela.
- 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.
- Those recovering from addiction; those suffering from mental illness and those who are caregivers.

Spring 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

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.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church Nursery School is a play-based nursery school located on the lower level of BHPC. We have programming for children between the ages of 2 and 5. We currently have over 150 children enrolled in our classes. BHP CNS is proud to be a wonderful first school experience for children in the community. Did you know the playgrounds are open to the community to play after school hours and on the weekends? With the warmer weather and daylight savings time we hope you will come and play!

To learn more about BHP CNS, our affordable rates, our registration process, and so much more, call us at 301-365-2909 to arrange a tour. For more information, visit our website, <http://www.bhpcns.org>.

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Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland

Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Natalia Kojanova (alto), Brynn Farlow (tenor)

Flower Dedication | From Judy Ozone, with deep gratitude to the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church community.



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)

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

April 26 | Youth Sunday

May 3 | Communion | 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@bradleyhillschurch.org,
and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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