

# Third Sunday of Lent



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
March 8, 2026  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Music 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](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. Classes will be held March 8 after worship and new members join March 15.

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILLON PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING MUSIC

Psalm 127 from *Psalm Interpretations for Organ* Emma Lou Diemer  
*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 2:3-5 Pastor Denise Diaab

One: "Come, let us climb God's mountain to the Temple of the God of Jacob,  
That we may be instructed in God's ways and walk in God's paths."

**All: We are ready for the journey to begin.**

One: God will judge between the nations and render decisions for many  
countries. They will beat their swords into pruning hooks; One nation will  
not raise the sword against another, and never again will they train for  
war.

**All: We will walk the paths of peace.**

One: Instruction will be given from Zion, and the word of God from Jerusalem.

**All: Order our steps in your wisdom.**

One: O house of Leah and Rachel and Jacob, pilgrims and wanderers alike,  
Come, let us walk in the light of God!

**All: Guide our steps as we venture forth!**

- The Inclusive Bible, adapt.

### \*HYMN 235

With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim (Psalm 122) GONFALON ROYAL  
*Verse 1 will be sung by the choir; after a brief organ interlude, the congregation is  
Invited to join on verse 2.*

### 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

## CALL TO CONFESSION from Psalm 120

*In unison.*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to you that we don't always get it right in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds— when we walk by instead of helping our neighbors in need, when we push through on our own strength and will to succeed, when we fail to see the goodness of your creation and instead dwell on imperfection.

God, turn our hearts inside out to be opened, to be cleansed, and to be made whole so that we can receive the greatest blessing of all: the assurance that nothing can ever separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*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 from Psalm 128:1-4

As we breathe in God's boundless love for us,  
may we breathe out our complete trust and gratitude.

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: **We are forgiven, loved, and free!**

## \*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

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

Miren qué bueno / O, Look and Wonder (Psalm 133)

Pablo Sosa

Refrain (All)

¡Miren qué bueno, qué bueno es!

O look and wonder: how good it is!

*Miren qué bueno es cuando los hermanos están juntos,  
es como aceite bueno derramado sobre Aarón. (Estribillo)*  
How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another;  
it is like precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard. (Refrain)

*Miren qué bueno es cuando las hermanas están juntas,  
se parece al rocío sobre los montes de Sión. (Estribillo)*  
How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another,  
fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill. (Refrain)

*Miren qué bueno es cuando nos reunimos todos juntos,  
porque el Señor ahí manda vida eterna y bendición. (Estribillo)*  
How good it is when all earth's people dwell in peace together:  
that is where God will pour the blessing, life forevermore. (Refrain)

## REFLECTION

Experiencing the Psalms of Ascent through Music

Jean Dudek, David Gray and Paul Vasile

Psalm 121

David Conte

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: God shall preserve thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

## \*HYMN 236

Now Israel May Say (Psalm 124)

OLD 124TH

*De profundis clamavi* (Psalm 130)

attrib. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*De profundis clamavi ad te Domine:*

Out of the depths I cry to you, God!

*Domine exaudi vocem meam: Fiant aures tuae intendentes, in vocem deprecationis meae.*

God hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy!

*Si iniquitates observaveris Domine: Domine quis sustinebit?*

If you kept track of our sins, God, who could stand before you?

*Quia apud te propitiatio est: et propter legem tuam sustinui te Domine. Sustinuit anima mea in verbo eius:*

So I wait for you, God - my soul waits, and in your word I place my trust.

*Speravit anima mea in Domino.*

My soul longs for you, God,

*A custodia matutina usque ad noctem: speret Israel in Domino.*

More than sentinels long for the dawn. Israel, hope in God,

*Quia apud Dominum misericordia: et copiosa apud eum redemptio.*

For with God is abundant love and the fullness of deliverance;

*Et ipse redimet Israel, ex omnibus iniquitatibus eius.*

God will deliver Israel from all its failings.

## POEM

When Home is Far Behind

Robert Monson

Psalm 131

Jeffrey Van

Oh Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast;  
like a child that is quieted is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore.

# 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

Psalm 126 from *Psalm Interpretations for Organ*  
*The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.*

Emma Lou Diemer

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

# GOING FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN

When God Restored Our Common Life (Psalm 126)

RESIGNATION

1. When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,  
At first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy;  
A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;  
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

2 We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;  
With laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.  
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.  
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

3 Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.  
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.  
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;  
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.

- Ruth Duck

### \*BENEDICTION from Psalm 134

*In unison.*

**Praise the Lord, all you servants of the LORD  
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.  
May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
the One who is the Maker of heaven and earth.**

### SENDING MUSIC

*Hamba nathi / Come Walk with Us*

South Africa - Xhosa

*Hamba nathi Mkhululi wethu*

Literal translation: Go with us, our Savior.

Singing translation:

Come walk with us the journey is long.  
Come walk with us and share in our bread.  
Come walk with us and join in the song.

### \*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 15

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab | New Members Join

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

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.

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## Upcoming Adult Education

### **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.

# Lent

## *The Walk of Faith*

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### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

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### PALM SUNDAY

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

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### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 7:30 pm

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### GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, Noon &  
7:30 pm

# Easter

*April 5*

9:15 AM

11:15 AM





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

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

## 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.



### 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.



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# 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 TODAY, March 8!**

Scholarships are available.

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

### Questions?

**Montreat:** Cliff Ty ([cliffy@aol.com](mailto:cliffy@aol.com))

**Mission Trip:** Jan Kang ([jan.kang@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kang@gmail.com))

**Massanetta:** Kim Brinkman ([ksbrinkman@gmail.com](mailto:ksbrinkman@gmail.com))

**Leadership Change at the ICCP** | 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).

**A Stewardship Note** | Did you know? Under the 2025 tax law amendments that Congress passed under the name of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, taxpayers who claim the standard deduction on their tax returns for 2026 and subsequent years will be able to deduct \$1000 in charitable contributions on top of the standard deduction (\$2000 for married taxpayers filing jointly). We hope that you will consider using this additional tax deduction to increase your gifts to Bradley Hills.

**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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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 Jean Seybert (Jean moved to California two years ago to be near family) who died on February 17.
- The family of Susan M. Williams (mother of Scott Williams) who died last week.
- The family of Peggy Mentzer (Rosanna Morrison's mother) whose memorial service will be held on March 14.

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

- Announcement by Capital Campaign Co-Chairs that we have \$1.5 million in commitments toward goal of \$4 million.

### **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.
- Karen.
- 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 being treated for significant burns.
- 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.**

- Dorrance .
- Steve (Elizabeth St. John's brother) who is awaiting test results.
- Janet (Kristen Abbott's mother) for health and well-being.
- Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie, Shannon, and Araceli.

### **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.
- 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.

## **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. Dersé of St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church

Oneg with refreshments and conversation to follow the 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)

**BHPC Nursery School** | BHCNS 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. BHCNS 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!



### 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 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

April 12 | 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@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org),  
and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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