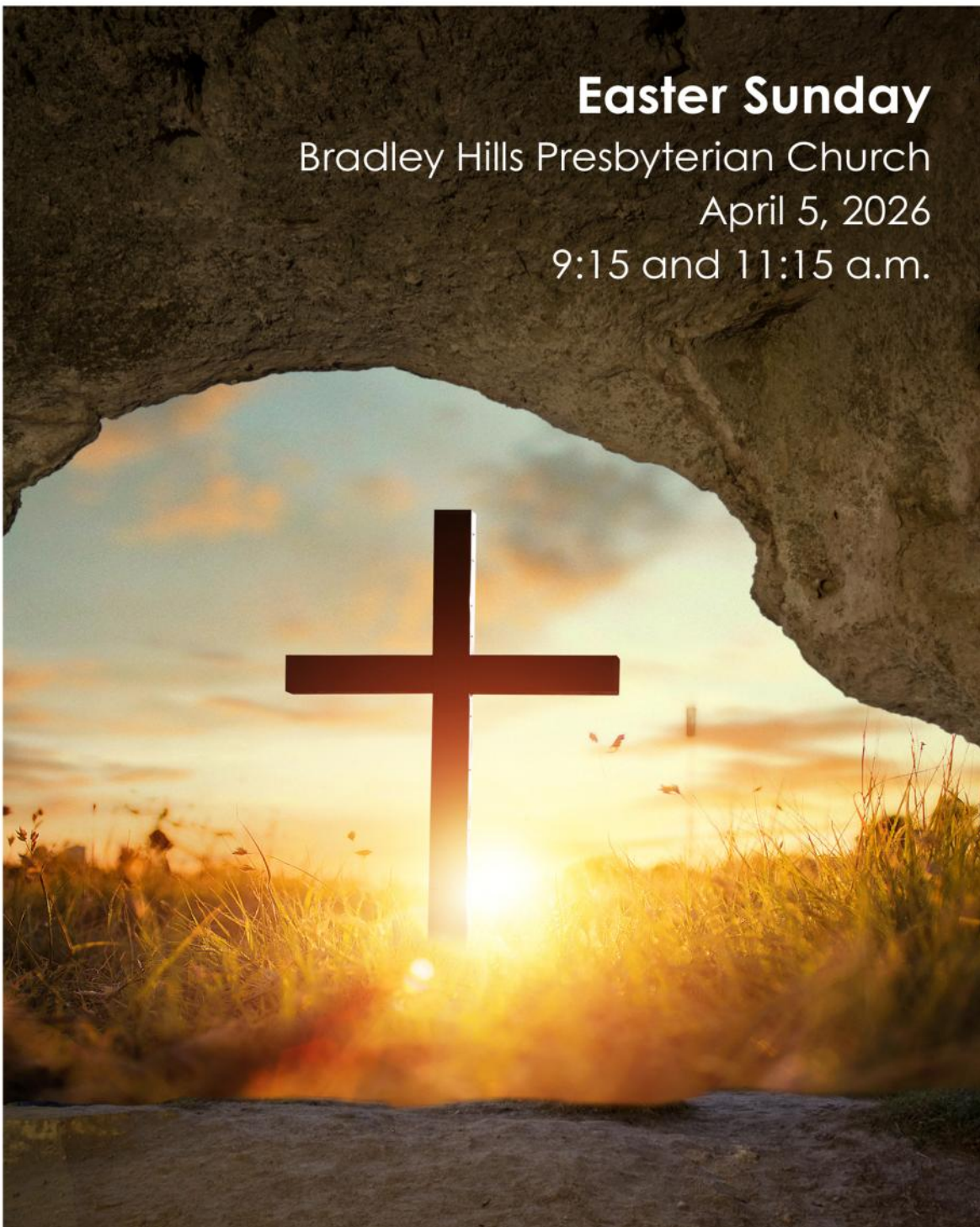


# Easter Sunday

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.



## 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 SONG

Festive Music for Brass Quintet and Organ

Richard Stinson and Justin Juarez, trumpet  
Shawn Hagen, french horn  
Dan Coffman, trombone  
Danny Mentzer, tuba

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.

**All: For Easter Day is here!**

One: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

**All: For Easter Day is here!**

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

**All: For Easter Day is here! Let us worship the God of love and hope.  
For Jesus Christ is risen today!**

### \*HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

# PRAISING

*In unison.*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of grace, you cause the sun to rise and chase away the shadows of death. Now we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. As we celebrate this triumph may we also make it the model for our living. Help us to leave behind that in our lives that should rightly die; the pain that traps us, the anxious uncertainty that confines us, the tired habits that slow us, the fruitless longings that lead us astray. Resurrect in our lives faith, hope and love as surely as you raised Jesus Christ from the grave. We believe the good news. 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 113** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia.

# EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

*Following the Children's Message, at 9:15 a.m., children are invited to remain with their families in the sanctuary for Easter worship. Special children's folders with activity sheets and worship bags with quiet toys are available in the Narthex. Church school for ages 3 - 5th grade will resume next Sunday. At the 11:15 service, children are invited to remain in worship or we also have supervised childcare for our young congregants in Covenant Hall and the Gathering Space after the Children's Message.*

## REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

BHPC Chancel Players

One: This is the word of the Lord.

9:15 a.m. service | Lou and Pat Kallas

**All: Thanks be to God.**

11:15 a.m. service | Tracy Rankin and Steve Fox

## ANTHEM

Spice She Brought, and Sweet Perfume

McNeil Robinson

Mary to her Savior's tomb hasted at the early dawn;  
Spice she brought, and sweet perfume, but the Lord, The loved, was gone.  
For awhile she weeping stood, struck with sorrow and surprise;  
Shedding tears, a plenteous flood, for her heart supplied her eyes.

Jesus, who is always near, though too often unperceived  
Came, his drooping child to cheer, and enquired, Why she grieved?  
Though at first she knew him not, when he called her by her name,  
Then her griefs were all forgot, for she found he was the same.

Grief and sighing quickly fled when she heard his welcome voice;  
Just before she thought him dead, now he bids her heart rejoice:  
What a change his word can make, turning darkness into day!  
You who weep for Jesus' sake; he will wipe your tears away.

He who came to comfort her, when she thought her all was lost;  
Will for your relief appear, though you now are tempest tossed:  
On his word your burden cast, on his love your thoughts employ;  
Weeping for awhile may last, but the morning brings the joy.

-John Newton (1779)

## SERMON

Letting Go

David Gray

## \*HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in dark earth  
2. In the grave they laid the love by ha - tred slain, think - ing that Je - sus  
3. Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, who that for three days  
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain; your touch can call us



man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
would not wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, the ris - en Christ is seen;  
back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

### CALL FOR THE OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Place your offering in the passed offering plate or basket, scan the QR code, or make an offering through Give Now 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

Alleluia: In resurrectione tua Christe

Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

*Alleluia. In resurrectione tua Christe, alleluia,  
coelum et terra laetentur, alleluia.  
Surrexit Dominus de sepulcro, alleluia  
qui pro nobis pendit in ligno, alleluia.  
Gavisi sunt discipuli, alleluia viso Domino, alleluia.*

Alleluia. In your resurrection, O Christ—alleluia,  
let heaven and earth rejoice—alleluia.  
The Lord has risen from the grave—alleluia,  
who was hung on the tree for us—alleluia.  
The disciples rejoiced—alleluia, at seeing the Lord.

### \*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

## RESPONSE IN PRAYER - EASTER PRAYER

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(In unison)*

**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 122**

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**SENDING MUSIC**

Festival Alleluias set to the *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor  
William Ferris

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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





# 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!**



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.

## **Preview of April 12**

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

Preaching - Pastor David Gray | Communion

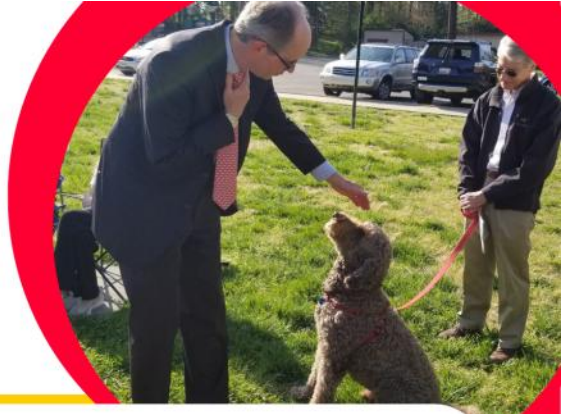
8:30 a.m. A more casual service in Covenant Hall

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

# Blessing of the Animals



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

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



## All Church BBQ



**JUNE 7, 2026 | 11 AM**

➤ *After 10 am service* ➤

Bring a side, salad,  
or dessert to share.

Kick off your summer at  
Bradley Hills' all-church BBQ.  
Enjoy good food and great  
company. Bring a friend!  
Everyone in the neighborhood  
is invited.



We'll provide the drinks, hotdogs,  
& hamburgers

## Upcoming Adult Education

**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).

**April 19 | Making Environmental Stewardship Work** - Join us for an engaging in-person workshop with a local expert on invasive plant species and their impact on our local ecosystems and waterways. Participants will learn how to identify common invasive plants, explore best practices for safe and effective removal, and discover native plant alternatives that support pollinators, wildlife, and healthier landscapes. Whether you're caring for church grounds, a home garden, or a community space, this workshop will provide practical tips to help restore biodiversity and protect the health of our local environment.

Dr. Stacy Small-Lorenz is the Statewide Specialist for Residential Landscape Ecology at University of Maryland Extension, where she leads the "Bay-Wise 2.0" Maryland Living Landscapes Program, focused on enhancing biodiversity, water quality, and climate resilience in Maryland watersheds and the Chesapeake Bay. With over 30 years of experience in conservation science, working across the U.S., she has called Maryland home for nearly 15 years. Dr. Small-Lorenz holds a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a B.A.S. in Ecology and Photography from Yale University and The Evergreen State College. Her doctoral work involved studying songbird population response to riparian forest restoration in California's Sacramento River Valley.

**When** | Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

**Where** | In the Lounge and on Zoom  
*Childcare provided.*

## 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](http://www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/concerts)

**A Stewardship Note** | On Easter, this most joyful day for Christians, we celebrate resurrection and new life. We also celebrate all your gifts to Bradley Hills, which make today's joyful services and special music possible. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed.

### Ways to Give at BHPC

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Bethesda, MD 20817

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## 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.

**We hold in God's healing presence family and friends of BHPC community, including:**

- Ambar, Araceli, Dan, Dorrance, Doug, Graydon, Janice, Jeanne, Janet, Jessica, Marcie, Mary, Rob, Shannon, and Steve.

**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.



# Easter Flower Dedications

## Hydrangeas

Cathie Lutter - In memory of Todd McCreight.

Terry and Kathy Brady - For loved ones.

Stacey and Andrew Milne - In memory of Joe Fell, Marcia Fell and Jay Milne.

Myla Williams - In loving memory of John Reid Taylor.

Caroline Simpson - In memory of Nancy and Mary Dale.

Adam Cochrane - In celebration of Alexander and Noah.

LeAnne and Andrew Graeub - In memory of Tom Pessel.

Casey and Elaine Henderson - In loving memory of their parents Carl and Mary Henderson and Carl and Virginia Whitesides.

## Azaleas

Una Song - For Yo Taik Song.

Carl Hunt - In honor of Joyce, recently transitioned to memory care.

Norma Parker - In loving memory of her parents, Norm and Jeri Parker.

Lynn Kiernan - In memory of Frances B. Kiernan.

Lee Anne and Andrew Graeub - In memory of WC Graeub.

Karin and Jim Harrison - In hope of peace.

Rosanna Morrison and Family - In memory of Jean and Dick Morrison and Peggy Mentzer.

David and Bridget Gray - All Easter blessings to our BHPC family. Christ is Risen!

Andrew Brodeur and Leslie Morrison - In memory of Sherri Brodeur.

George and Gail Brown - For their grandchildren.

Tristram Kruger - For Helen and Gustav Kruger.

Corky Hickey - In memory of Mary Hickey.

## Lilies

Una Song - For Dorothy McEnaney.

Susan Vanderver - In memory of loved ones.

Tara Sedgwick - Prayers for her father, Joseph Chiarell.

Emily Lane - In loving memory of her parents, Fred and Ann Whisenhunt and her beautiful twin brother, Eric.

Denise Diaab - In memory of Mary Moore.



# 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.



Happy Spring Break! BHP CNS is closed until April 7th. When we return from Spring Break, we will receive an incubator full of eggs and wait patiently as they develop into baby chicks. Each classroom will also care for caterpillar or ladybug larvae. They will feed them, learn about and observe their amazing life cycles, and release them onto our beautiful campus once they have morphed into beautiful painted butterflies and ladybugs. Spring is a wonderful time to play, grow, and learn!

We are excited to announce the return of Transportation Days at BHP CNS! Please join us on April 14th and 15th between 9:30 and 11:30am and explore a fire truck, metro bus, front loader, police car, moving van, and more.

BHP CNS is a play based preschool program for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year-old children with a strong emphasis on supporting each child's social-emotional development in an age-appropriate way. We are filling up fast for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information about our school or to arrange a tour, please call 301-365-2909 or email BHP CNS@yahoo.com. You can also check out our website at [www.bhpcns.org](http://www.bhpcns.org)!

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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)



*everyone is welcome to our*

# INTERFAITH SPRING PICNIC

Join us for an evening of food, fun and  
laughter. Experience the unique spirit  
of our interfaith community!

**FROM 5 PM - 7 PM**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

# Worship Schedule

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

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

May 10 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

May 17 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

May 24 | Pentecost | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

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