



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 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 bag 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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Allegro con brio from Piano Trio, Op. 150

Amy Beach

Houston Music Festival Trio

Chelsea de Souza, piano
Mary Grace Johnson, violin
David Dietz, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Blessed is God.

All: God has raised Jesus from death to new life.

One: Now all creation is drawn into freedom.

All: We have been reborn into a living hope -

One: Reborn for new life in Christ--an inheritance that will never pass away.

All: Come, let us worship God together!

*HYMN 104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

In unison.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give in return. We rejoice to find that in Christ, there is always more grace. Yet at times we struggle to believe the good news. We imagine your grace and risen power is for someone else or some other time. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ as we confess...

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

Be Not Afraid

Taizé Community



Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Baptism of Avery Cheng Grzyb

Parents: Justin Grzyb and Kimberly Cheng

Children ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Club 3-4-5 will not have church school today, and are encouraged to stay worship to participate in the sacrament of communion. 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

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 20:19-29

SERMON

Is It Okay to Doubt?

David Gray

*HYMN 399

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

All Things New

Community Choir
Elaine Hagenburg

Light after darkness, gain after loss
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears
Home after wandering, praise after tears

Alpha and Omega
Beginning and the end
He is making all things new
Springs of living water
Shall wash away each tear
He is making all things new

Sight after mystery, sun after rain
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom
Love after wandering, life after tomb

- From the last section of Frances Ridley Havergal's poem "Right"

*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!

The congregation may be seated.

RESPONSE IN FAITH - SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

One: The gifts of God given for all.

All: For all.

*SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

Piano Trio: Movement I

Reena Esmail
(b. 1983)

RESPONSE IN 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 117

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Piano Trio: Movement III

Reena Esmail

*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 April 19

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

8:30 a.m. Service | Blessing of the Animals - Outside

10:30 a.m. Service | Preaching - Pastor Denise Diaab

8:30 a.m. A more casual service outside

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.**



Upcoming Adult Education

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.

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.

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 | Our grounds are beautiful in the spring. Thank you for your financial support and for all who volunteer their time and hard work to maintain our beautiful outdoor areas. We are especially grateful for everyone who turned out for the Spring Fling in March and worked hard to make our grounds beautiful, and for the volunteers who planted and watered new flowers last summer – including many perennials we will enjoy for years to come.

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Dick Tustian (Jeanne Tustian's husband) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary on May 24, followed by a reception.
- The family Philip (Una Song's cousin) who died this week.
- The family of Elizabeth Marie Paukstis whose service will be on April 17, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (D.C.), livestream available.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- The glorious Easter services including music by the Brass and Chancel Choir.

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.
- Betsy Scroggs for healing and complete recovery from back surgery on April 9.
- Karen Pettigrew for health and well-being.
- Margaret and Kristine Yeager for healing and full recovery.
- Prayers for health and well-being for: Gloria Androa, Donald Sutherland, Joel Fickett, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, and Helen Hobson.

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

- Barbara (Elaine Hunt's daughter) for relief from pain until she has knee surgery.
- Mary Dague (Terry Brady's sister) for healing and complete recovery.
- Rob, recently diagnosed with ALS and Doug for health and well-being (friends of Cheryl Naulty).
- Janice, Ambar, Jessica, Piper, Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie, Shannon, Ed, Janet, Violet, Lauren, 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:

- Peace in the Middle East, and for the people of Iran, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Sudan, Palestine, South Korea, Syria, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia, and Venezuela.
- The welfare of our country; that those in authority lead with wisdom and integrity.
- 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; and those traveling.

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.

This morning we're delighted to welcome the **Houston Music Festival Trio** to worship! The players met as graduate students at the Shepherd School of Music in Houston and the ensemble debuted at the Houston Music Festival in 2025 to critical acclaim. They are currently touring a program of American composers celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

Mary Grace Johnson is Assistant Professor of Violin at West Virginia University and Concertmaster of the West Virginia Symphony. She is also a co-leader and curator for Kinetic Ensemble, Houston's conductorless string orchestra, and is deeply committed to centering underrepresented voices—especially women—in her programming. **David Dietz** is co-founder and Director of the Houston Music Festival and Adjunct Instructor of Cello at Lone Star College–University Park. A founding member of the award-winning Trio Menil, he has performed internationally as a soloist and chamber musician and is a passionate advocate for music education's role in strengthening communities. **Chelsea de Souza**, a Steinway Young Artist, was born and raised in Mumbai, India. She is co-founder and Director of the Houston Music Festival, Mitchell Scholar-in-Residence at the Moores School of Music, and a Texas Touring Artist. Her work explores identity and culture through genre-blending performances that draw on Western and Indian classical traditions, jazz, and improvisation.



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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)



Get excited Transportation Days are here! 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. This event is open to all - please bring a friend or grandkid to explore.

BHPCNS 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 us a BHPCNS@yahoo.com. You can also check out our website at www.bhpcns.org!

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 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

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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