

In his great mercy, He has
given us new birth into

living hope

through the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:3



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

April 19, 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

Pastor Denise Diaab

GATHERING MUSIC

Selection by the Bradley Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor David Gray

One: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

All: Alleluia!

One: Once we were not a people.

All: Now we are God's people. Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

Silence for personal confession.

One: We pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and receive 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

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

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

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

Thomas Vanderslice

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Silence My Soul

Francisco Feliciano

Silence my soul
These trees are prayer
I asked the tree
Tell me about God
Then it blossomed

- Rabindranath Tagore (India)

SERMON

Denise Diaab

*HYMN

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo / We Are the Body of Christ

Jaime Cortez

So-mos el cuer-po de Cris-to, we are the bo-dy of Christ!

So-mos el cuer-po de Cris-to, we are the bo-dy, the bo-dy of Christ! Christ!

One: Dios viene al mundo a través de nosotros

All: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo

One: God is revealed when we love one another

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: Al mundo a cumplir la misión de la iglesia

All: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo

One: Bringing the light of God's mercy to others,

All: We are the body of Christ.

Refrain

One: Cada persona es parte del reino;

All: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo

One: Putting a stop to all discrimination,

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: Vamos al mundo a cuidar su rebaño.

All: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

One: Serving each other we build up the kingdom;

All: We are the body of Christ.

Refrain

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

How Lovely Are the Messengers from St. Paul Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

- Based on Romans 10:15,18 and Isaiah 52:7

*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

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Response for Concerns:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayers.**

Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,

All: **We praise the Lord.**

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - 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 108

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Trumpet Tune on TRURO

J. Wayne Kerr

*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 26

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

Youth 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



Looking for Community? Purpose?
Join our Bradley Hills family.
All are welcome!

Sunday, May 17

Childcare and lunch included.

Pastor David would be happy to speak with you about your faith journey and fill you in on the many offerings here and how you can get involved. For those interested in membership, a new member class will be held May 17. We'll celebrate your journey with a special welcome ceremony during worship on May 31.



Contact Pastor David at
david@bradleyhillschurch.org



Upcoming Adult Education

April 26 | Immigration Policy and Enforcement - Immigration policy and enforcement in the United States has become a deeply contested issue. In this discussion, Ekontang (Eko) Makia will present his perspective on the current conversation surrounding this topic. The goal is to provide an understanding of the Trump administration approach to immigration while comparing it with the policies implemented by the Biden administration. Ekontang (Eko) Makia, Bradley Hills member, is originally from Cameroon. He holds an LLB in English Private Law from the University of Yaoundé II in Cameroon and a master's degree in economics and international development from the Protestant University of Yaoundé, Cameroon. He also earned an LLM in International Investment and Trade from the University of Oregon and another LLM with a focus on International Business and Trade from the American University Washington College of Law.



On **Saturday, May 2 at 3 pm,**

the Tempo Giusto Ensemble, with tenor Matthew Hill, conductor Amy Broadbent and Concertmaster Kathy Judd will present a fabulous concert at Bradley Hills. The concert features delightful Baroque rarities, spectacular Baroque arias, and

Benjamin Britten's passionate song cycle on the poetry of Arthur Rimbaud, *Les Illuminations*. For more information, please visit the Tempo Giusto website: <https://tempogiustoensemble.weebly.com>.

It's Tempo Giusto's mission to benefit Music For Food, a nonprofit founded by renowned violist Kim Kashkashian, which sponsors concerts around the country to provide funds for local food pantries and food assistance organizations. In this case, the beneficiary will be Bethesda Help, which provides food assistance and critical safety net services in a number of Montgomery County communities. Because Bethesda Help is an all-volunteer organization, it spends only about 5% of its receipts on administrative costs and 95% of donations go directly to assistance for neighbors in need. And the need is greater than ever, given food price inflation and the challenge of qualifying for SNAP benefits. **100% of the donations in connection with this concert will go to Bethesda Help, along with a 1:1 match provided by members of Tempo Giusto—so your donation will be doubled!** *Please know that contributions are greatly appreciated even if you are unable to attend the concert. Scan the QR to donate!*



Upcoming Friends of Music

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.



The New York Times wrote that "among North American brass ensembles, none is more venerable than the American Brass Quintet." Join The American Brass Quintet in concert to experience their unparalleled legacy in the brass field firsthand.



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

ICPC YOUTH



2026 Basketball Schedule

Saturdays at 6-7:30pm
Begins 4/18

Hillmead Park
8609 Ridge Road
Bethesda, MD 20817




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**



When we returned from Spring Break, we received an incubator full of eggs. We have been patiently counting the days (21) and learning how our embryos develop and hatch. On April 29th, our chicks emerge to the amazement of teachers, parents, and children alike. It is one of the most exciting weeks at BHPCNS! We will keep them at school for several weeks before sending them back home to the farm.

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

A Stewardship Note | Your financial support allows Bradley Hills to offer beautiful music to enhance our worship services. 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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Access the
Bradley Hills Giving page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Mission Opportunity | For many years Bradley Hills has fed the hungry through a ministry with shelters for those who would otherwise be homeless.

We have partnered with Interfaith Works to provide dinner once a month to Becky's House, a shelter for eight women and Lon's House, a home for eight men both located in Rockville.



Lon's House Available Dates | June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th and December 14th

Becky's House Available Dates | July 13th and August 10th

Sign up to provide
dinner at Becky's
House.



Sign up to provide
dinner at Lons
House.



Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The Martin and Hurt families on the loss of Jeanine Hurt Martin (Rosanna Howard's great-aunt) who died on April 11.
- The family of Rowena Scarrow (Cathy Scott's aunt) who passed away on Easter Sunday.
- The family of Fabian Sydnor's neighbor who died in a home fire this week.
- The family of Dick Tustian (Jeanne Tustian's husband) whose service will be held on May 24, at 12:30, followed by a reception.

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

- All blessings to the family of Elder Kathleen Elliot and husband Cyrus Zahraie on the birth of daughter Maya Rose Elliott-Zahraie on April 15.
- All blessings to the family of Pat Grafton on the birth of her new grandchild.
- Charles Brodine who has been readmitted to the graduate program at UNC Chapel Hill to complete his doctoral program in history.

We hold in God's healing presence those who suffer pain, ill health 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.
- The family of Judy Ozone during this sacred time of their mother's transition.
- Betsy Scroggs for healing and complete recovery from back surgery on April 9.
- Karen Pettigrew for healing and full recovery.
- 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.

- Susan (Julie Hunter's friend) for healing and full recovery.
- Barbara (Elaine Hunt's daughter) for relief from pain until she has knee surgery.
- Rob, Doug, Ambar, Jessica, Piper, Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie, Shannon, Ed, Jan, 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 hurt and division:

- Those at Whitman high school and BH Elementary school and other schools impacted by threats in our community.
- Peace in the Middle East, 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.

Our Staff

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Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland

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

Sign-Ups for 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

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

April 26 | Youth Sunday

May 3 | Communion | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

8:30 service - outside at the cross

10:30 service - Sanctuary

May 10 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

8:30 service - outside at the cross

10:30 service - Sanctuary

May 17 | Commitment Sunday | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

8:30 service - outside at the cross

10:30 service - Sanctuary

May 24 | Pentecost | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

Summer worship schedule begins - 1 service at 10am in the Sanctuary

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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