

# Youth Sunday



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
April 26, 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](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

BHPC Youth

### GATHERING MUSIC

Allegro from Cello Sonata No. 1 in C Major, Op. 40

Ian Kim, violoncello  
Jean Baptiste Bréval

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Abby and Andrew Shea

One: Open your ears to the word of the Lord

**All: We are eager to hear**

One: Open your eyes to the light of God

**All: May our souls be awakened**

One: Open your hearts to gratitude

**All: Let us worship God**

### \*HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Emily Coffey

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

## CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Noemi Kang

Loving God, we sense the unifying power of your love, but we confess that much separates us from that love and each other. We grow disconnected and distant from each other. We become like branches no longer held to the vine and ceasing to bear fruit. Weave our hearts and minds together in community with the same love of Christ. Help us to create loving communities through our service and compassion. Allow us to be grateful for your love, as we confess....

*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

Clara Holland, Bruce Bello and Luisa Nieve  
and the BHPC Youth Chancel Players

*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.*

### SENDING LITANY

Kids: May God be with you here.

**Congregation: May God be with you there.**

### 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!

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 2

Brigid Mailhot

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Show Us How to Love

Ronan Mailhot, soloist

Mark Miller

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:15-17

Quinn Register

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTIONS

Eloise Scribner, Brendan Gray, Mackenzie Owens,  
Will Biggs, Daniella Ngah, Ronan Mailhot and Julia Anderson

**\*HYMN 555**

Now Thank We All Our God

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# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN FAITH

### Gratitude Expressions

You will have seen in the narthex the gratitude cards the children of BHPC have completed. Now we all have an opportunity to complete a gratitude card. In the pew in front of you, and the ushers have them too, are cards which allow us to share a thought about something we are grateful to God for about our beloved church. Let us take a moment now and write an expression of gratitude for something related to BHPC. We will take the completed cards and hang them around in the church for the next few weeks. Let's take a moment of reflection and when you are ready, you can place your completed card in the baptismal font, as a connection to our identity as beloved children of God. If you'd like, signal an usher and they will pick up your gratitude card

## 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

Crowded Table

Emily Coffey, Eloise Scribner and Rosanna Howard  
Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna, and Brandy Carlisle

### \*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

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

Ellie Gray

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 302**

I Danced in the Morning

Simple Gifts

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Cameron Gray

**SENDING MUSIC**

Allegro from Violin Concerto No. 3

Ahyoon Kim, violin  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Youth Instrumental Ensemble:**

Bruce Bello, trumpet  
Lily Bello, clarinet  
Abby Shea, flute  
Ahyoon Kim, violin  
Ian Kim, violoncello

**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 May 3**

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

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Communion

8:30 a.m. A more casual service outside at the cross

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](mailto:david@bradleyhillschurch.org)



## Upcoming Adult Education

**May 3** | In summing up the **significance and responsibility of fatherhood**, Sigmund Freud wrote: "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." *No pressure, dads.*

More currently, Richard Reeves points out ways the shape of fatherhood is shifting, and often coming up short, in his 2022 book, *Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It*. Drawing on her career as a family counselor and therapist, BHPC member **Venus Masselam** will lead a discussion on the role of fatherhood, the changing dynamics between fathers and children, and what our faith teaches us about the call to family stewardship.

She'll be joined by BHPC member **Bob Deans**, whose forthcoming book, *Fishing with My Father: Field Notes from a Boyhood*, explores his own relationship with a complicated man who ushered him into the wonders of childhood and the splendor of the natural world in days they spent together on ancient Virginia waters with Indian names. Join us for thoughtful insights and an opportunity to reflect on how the meaning of fatherhood continues to evolve.



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

Fun games, henna, arts & crafts  
Free ice cream

**Free food vouchers for everyone under 18**

Food for purchase for adults

Halal and vegetarian options available

Friends and family welcome

Held rain or shine. If it rains, we'll move indoors

Email [icpc6601@gmail.com](mailto:icpc6601@gmail.com) for more information

# 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



## BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 COMPASSION CAMP: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**When:** August 2026 (either August 17-19 or August 17-20,  
depending on MCPS calendar updates)

**Where:** Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** Early Bird Registration by May 31, 2026 - \$50/per child  
Regular Registration by August 5, 2026 - \$65/per child  
Registration opens on May 1, 2026

# ICPC YOUTH



# 2026 Basketball

# Schedule

Saturdays at 6-7:30pm

Begins 4/18

**Hillmead Park**  
**8609 Ridge Road**  
**Bethesda, MD 20817**



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 BHP CNS! We will keep them at school for several weeks before sending them back home to the farm.

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 us at [BHP CNS@yahoo.com](mailto:BHP CNS@yahoo.com). You can also check out our website at [www.bhpcns.org](http://www.bhpcns.org)!

**A Stewardship Note** | Today is Youth Sunday. We celebrate our youth, with all their energy, imagination, and enthusiasm. We also celebrate the volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to nurturing the faith of our young people and connecting them to the church through lively, meaningful programs.

## Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd.  
Bethesda, MD 20817

Text Giving



Text "BHPC"  
to 73256

Mobile Giving



Download the  
Realm Connect App

Realm Giving



Access the  
Bradley Hills Giving page

[www.BradleyHillsChurch.org](http://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 family of Rowena Scarrow (Cathy Scott's aunt).
- The family of Dick Tustian (Jeanne Tustian's husband) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on May 24, at 12:30, followed by a reception.

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

- Congratulations and all blessings to Elder Kathleen Elliott and Cyrus Zahraie on the birth of their daughter, Maya Rose, on April 15.
- We celebrate with Sylvia Coe (Rosanna Howard's father's friend) regarding her recent report that she is now cancer free.

### **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 as her mother in Florida is in a sacred time of transition.
- Lou Kallas for healing and complete recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- Rob Rennhack for healing and complete recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- Adaline (Kristen Abbott's daughter) who is having surgery on April 27.
- Venus Masselam for healing and well-being.
- Betsy Scroggs for healing and complete recovery from back surgery.
- Karen Pettigrew for healing and full recovery.
- Prayers for health and well-being for: Margaret and Kristine Yeager, 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.**

- Yousef (Dave Burgett's friend) who was detained by ICE; also, prayers for his family.
- Armin Behr.
- Jack (Linda Kauskay's friend) whose cancer has metastasized; and wife Agnes.
- Susan (Julie Hunter's friend) for healing and full recovery.
- Barbara, Rob, Doug, Ambar, Jessica, Piper, Graydon, Jeanne, Marcie, 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:**

- Peace in the Middle East.
- Those in authority at all levels of government 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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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)

**Flower Dedication** | From Laraine Balk Hope, in loving memory of her mother, Phyllis Munter Balk.

### 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

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

May 31 | Baptisms | New Members Join | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

Summer worship schedule - 1 service at 10am in Covenant Hall

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



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