



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

May 10, 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

### GATHERING MUSIC

The Peace May Be Exchanged from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: God of Creation, we come to praise you.

**All: Open our eyes to see your hope.**

One: Open our souls to sense your presence.

**All: Open our hearts to your love.**

One: Open our ears to hear of your story.

**All: Open our mouths to sing of your glory. Let us worship our risen Lord this Easter tide.**

### \*HYMN 479

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

### MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

*Here for Good Update*

Co-Chairs Corky Hickey  
and Yoshi Sei

## CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have often desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. In your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in ignoring your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light, abide in your ways, and honor the life-givers, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

*Silence for personal confession.*

One: We pray.

**All: Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, 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 Lori Denise Cox  
Daughter of Melissa Kallas and Ryan Cox

*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

from Genesis 1

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Alleluia from *Lobe den Herren, BWV 230*

J.S. Bach

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 121

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Here for Good

David Gray

## \*HYMN 121

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

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# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

### CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate or basket. 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

Brother James' Air

arr. Gordon Jacob

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. She makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; She leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
She leadeth me, She leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul She doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for Her own Name's sake.  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for Her own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.  
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My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my Mother's heart always  
My dwelling place shall be.

Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter  
*The Psalms of David in Meter, Edinburgh, 1650 (adapt.)*

## **\*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.

## **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 495**

We Know That Christ is Raised

ENGELBERG

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING MUSIC**

Toccata on "ENGLEBERG"

David Cherwien

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## Preview of May 17

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

Commitment Sunday | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

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

## Upcoming Adult Education

**May 17 | Addressing the Church's Future and Continuing to Take Action Over the Summer**

This is the last adult education program before summer break. We'll focus on the importance of the Capital Campaign: BHPC is Here for Good. If successful, the Campaign will address our decades-long challenge: affording our building while maintaining our worship, community, and missional focus.

During the second half of the program, we'll explore ways members can stay in touch over the summer and continue taking action to resist the current administration's harmful policies and promote peace and justice.

**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.



**Summer Sanctuary Plans** | This summer our sanctuary will be closed as we replace our original sanctuary floor and surrounding areas with a beautiful, long-lasting, musically supportive, new floor. We will be worshipping in Covenant Hall from May 31-late August. Entry will be through the Gathering Space doors. We look forward to celebrating our return to the sanctuary by September. Thanks for your patience.



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@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillchurch.org)



## 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 17 - 20th, 9 a.m. to noon

**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

Scan the QR code to register:



**A Stewardship Note** | As we near the end of the church's program year for Christian education, we salute and thank everyone who has volunteered this year as a Sunday School teacher for children, as a chaperone, teacher or mentor in programs for youth, or by sharing your expertise in Adult Education. We also thank those who have coordinated and planned these inspirational programs. Christian education at Bradley Hills would not be possible without your dedication and your gifts of time and talent. Thank you!

**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.



Dear Friends,

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us to help ensure that BHPC is **Here for Good** by making a commitment to the church's five-year capital campaign.

For 70 years, BHPC has been a spiritual home where faith is nurtured, friendships are formed, and lives are shaped by God's love. Our campus is more than a building—it is the place where we worship, learn, serve, and connect. It is where children grow in faith, where music and prayer lift our spirits, and where we find strength in times of both joy and struggle.

Today, BHPC is thriving. Our ministries are active, our partnerships are strong, and our building serves not only our congregation but also the wider community. We host a vibrant preschool, support groups, music programs, and interfaith partners who share this sacred space. In a divided world, BHPC stands as a powerful witness to unity, compassion, and hope.

But even as we thrive, we face a long-term challenge. Our building, which supports so much of our programming, is aging. For decades, we had to defer maintenance and relied on limited funds to care for our facilities.

This campaign is about changing that story. Our goal is to create a permanent endowment that will provide ongoing funding for the care of our campus. By doing so, we can ensure that future generations will inherit a church that is strong, welcoming, and ready to serve. The fruits of this campaign also will allow us to address critical, long-delayed needs in the near term, including making improvements to our sanctuary floor, organ, and livestream technology, and will allow us to double the number of families we serve through Smart Sacks, our on-site food insecurity program.

Significantly, this effort not only will ensure our long-term sustainability as a church but also will allow us to increase spending on our missional and programmatic goals now. When we are no longer burdened by capital building needs, we will be able to invest more deeply in the ministry and outreach that reflect Christ's love in the world.

Psalms 121 reminds us to "lift up our eyes to the hills." When we look at Bradley Hills, we see a place filled with meaning, memory, and possibility. Now is our time to ensure that this place continues to shine as a beacon of faith for generations to come.

You may have seen our campaign guide on the BHPC website. We invite you to prayerfully consider your part in this shared work. Ask, "God, what do you want to do through me?" Then fill out a commitment card by May 17 if possible, bringing it to church or mailing it in, or make a commitment through our website, [www.bradleyhillchurch.org/giving/](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org/giving/). Commitments may be fulfilled over five years, between now and 2030. Every gift, every prayer, every commitment, is an act of faith in the future of this church and its mission.

Together, we can ensure that BHPC remains **Here for Good** - a place of welcome, hope, transformation, and love for years to come.

In Christ,

*Pastors David Gray and Denise Diaab and Campaign Co-Chairs Bethany Frick, Yoshi Sei, Michelle Scott, and Corky Hickey*



## **Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us**

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

- The family of Nancy Taylor (Laura Creech's mother) who died on May 4.
- The family of Anne Buchman (John Buchman's mother) who died on May 5.
- The family of Jessica Bello (Brian Bello's mother) whose Mass of Christian Burial will be on May 14, 11:00 am in Virginia Beach.
- The family of Ray Johnson who died on May 6 (Bob & Bebe McMeekin's brother-in-law)
- The family of Jim who dies on May 6 (Elaine Hunt's friend)
- 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:**

- Gratitude for all who have loved, nurtured, and encouraged us.
- Answered prayers.

### **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.
- Venus Masselam for healing and well-being.
- Vi Ozone (Judy Ozone's mother) for comfort and well-being.
- Lou Kallas and Rob Rennhack, for healing and complete recovery from knee replacement 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.**

- Piper Sutton (Jean Sutton's daughter-in-law) who is receiving chemotherapy.
- Debbie Bowis for healing.
- Yousef (Dave Burgett's friend) who continues to be detained following arrest by ICE.
- Armin Behr.
- Jack, Susan, Shannon, Barbara, Rob, Doug, Ambar, 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 and for the people of Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, Palestine, Israel, South Korea, Syria, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia, and Venezuela.
- 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.

# Spring at Bradley Hills

## Worship

**Worship at 8:30 a.m.** | Outside at the cross

**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.



BHPCNS wishes all the mothers in the BHPC congregation a joyous and wonderful Mother's Day! The warm weather has been a blessing and we have taken full advantage of the BHPC campus to explore all that spring has to offer. We've been having adventures in the creek, the playgrounds, the children's garden, the outdoor discovery center, the big blocks, and more.

There are still a few spaces in our summer camp, "Bradley Bear Goes to Outer Space". Children between the ages of 3 and 6 are welcome to join us as we Slip 'n Slide the day away! For more information, or to learn more about our play-based programming for 2, 3, and 4 year old children, please call us at 301-365-2909 or email us at [bhinfo@bhpcns.org](mailto:bhinfo@bhpcns.org). You can also check out our website at [www.bhpcns.org](http://www.bhpcns.org)!

## Our Staff

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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)

**Flower Dedication** | In memory of Emily Brady Mills, from Mom, Dad and Ava.

### 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

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 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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

June 7 | Communion | Recognition of long time members |  
Community Choir | *Here for Good* Celebration | BBQ |  
Celebrating the Ministry of Paul Vasile  
Preaching: Pastor David Gray

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

June 14 | Commissioning Summer Trips | Recognition of Graduates |  
Preaching: Pastor David Gray

Summer worship schedule - 1 service at 10 am 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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