



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
May 17, 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

Bradley Ringers

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to worship God.

**All: God loves us dearly.**

One: We are welcomed into the body of Christ.

**All: For there is one body and one Spirit.**

One: We are called to the one hope of our calling.

**All: Together, let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 482

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

# CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your love and your grace. Forgive us, we pray. Guide our feet back to your path as we confess ...**

*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

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

Recognition of Church School Teachers

*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.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Let Your Little Light Shine

Alleluia Singers

Georgia Sea Islands Spiritual

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 27

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Lantern Chorale, Chancel Choir and Abby Shea, flute

You Shall Have a Song

Harriet Ziegenhals

You shall have a song and gladness of heart  
for music can joyfully our love to all impart.  
Lift ev'ry voice, play the flute and violin,  
and you shall have a song to sing. Alleluia!

Make a joyful noise to God all ye lands.  
Come serve with gladness of heart and mind and hands.  
We are God's children, God made us ev'ry one;  
and we shall have a song to sing, Alleluia!

Enter now God's gates with thanksgiving and praise,  
for He is our God, let us serve all our days.  
God's steadfast love will endure to the end,  
and we shall have a song to sing, Alleluia!

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSE

Thanks Be to God

Paul Vasile



Thanks be,                      thanks be      to God, the source of all love and good-ness!



Thanks      be!

### RESPONSE IN FAITH - SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

William Bruton

Son of Scott Bruton and Julie Taylor

### RESPONSE TO BAPTISM

Thanks Be to God (Reprise)

### RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

#### CALL FOR OFFERINGS AND HERE FOR GOOD COMMITMENTS

Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate or basket. We can also bring forward our commitments for the Here for Good campaign at this time. Commitments can be made using the campaign cards and envelopes in the pews, by scanning the QR code or through the BHPC website. If you have already made a commitment to the campaign, ushers have "already committed" cards for you to bring forward. Let us bring our Here for Good commitments or morning offerings forward at this time to the baskets around the chancel, or signal an usher to make your commitment or offering from the pews. 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

Salmo 150

Ernani Aguiar (Brazil)

*Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius.  
Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis eius.  
Laudate eum in virtutibus eius.  
Laudate eum secundum multitudinem  
magnitudinis eius.  
Laudate eum in sono tubae.  
Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.  
Laudate eum in timpano et choro.  
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.  
Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis  
Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum. Alleluia!*

Praise God in the holy places,  
praise God in the firmament of God's power.  
Praise God for God's mighty acts,  
praise God according to God's excellent greatness.  
Praise God with the sound of the trumpet,  
praise God with the psaltery and the harp.  
Praise God with the timbrel and the dance,  
praise God with strings and pipes.  
Praise God with high-sounding cymbals,  
praise God with cymbals of joy.  
Let everything that has breath praise 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

### 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 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### SENDING MUSIC

Improvisation on "ST. ANNE"

Paul Vasile

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Preview of May 24**

**Summer Schedule | One service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online**

**Pentecost (Wear Red!) | Preaching: Pastor David Gray**

10:00 a.m. One service in the Sanctuary and online

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Space

**Zoom Coffee Hour | Sunday May 24 at 11:15am**

Scan here to  
join on Zoom:



On Pentecost Sunday, we invite those who worship on the livestream, to join in a Zoom Coffee Hour social time after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Meeting ID: 897 9618 9456

**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.



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

**Sunday, May 17**  
**Memorial Hall**  
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)





*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

## Action Forum | Detention Centers and Data Centers

TODAY, Sunday, May 17 | In the Library from 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. (including a light lunch)

*From Matthew 25: "I was in prison, and you visited me."*

We are familiar with these words and the associated instructions for ministering that Jesus identified for special mention and attention. We are called to attend to the plight of the detained.

Now, in 2026, we are learning about massive immigrant detention centers cropping up — in Maryland and across the country — costing billions in public funds and creating division, fear and uncertainty. The inexplicable centers are designed to detain multiple thousands of human beings without benefit of trial, representation or protection of rights. As Christians, knowing that all are equally loved by God, we cannot remain silent as the secretly-negotiated wide scale construction begins.

Another, different form of injustice appearing on the horizon is a slate of unvetted data centers with voracious appetites for local energy. Join us to share what is known locally about both detention and data centers and discuss what we are called to do in response to these looming changes on the physical and moral landscape. What paths are open to us individually and collectively to avoid repeating the infamous historic mistake of just standing by while grievous harms are inflicted on our watch? What can we do??

**Bring your faith, intelligence and compassion to find a path forward.**

**A Stewardship Note** | Today is the last Sunday of the music program year until September. We thank Paul Vasile for the talent and energy he has devoted to the role of Interim Director of Music. We thank the volunteer singers for the time and talents they have dedicated to the Chancel Choir this past year, and we look forward to the summer, when our professional section leaders will grace our worship services with their amazing musical talent. We thank the young people who have sung and played instruments in worship services. We also thank everyone whose financial support makes it possible for Bradley Hills to enjoy this beautiful music.

### 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



## WITH BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WHAT?

Join Bradley Hills Presbyterian for 4 days of music, games, crafts and faith formation! VBS invites kids to explore what all living things need to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in our local ecosystems.

### WHEN?

**August 17-20th, 2026**

9am - Noon

### WHERE?

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
6601 Bradley Blvd  
Bethesda, MD

### QUESTIONS?

Email Rosanna, DCYFM  
at Bradley Hills:  
[Rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:Rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org)

### HOW MUCH?

Register by May 31: \$50/child  
Register by August 5: \$65/child

*To access early bird rates, use the discount codes provided on the online registration form.*

Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

### FOR WHOM?

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/26) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (reach out for a volunteer registration form).

### REGISTER HERE



**We need adult and youth volunteers to help run VBS! From drama, to shepherds, to recreation, to crafts.... there is something for everyone!**

**When** | VBS will be Monday-Thursday this year, and volunteers will need to be here from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Training will be held on Sunday, August 16 from 4:00 to approx. 8:00 p.m. at Bradley Hills. We will be decorating and prepping for Monday and will finish up with a bonfire and s'mores. **Dinner will be provided.**

*Please indicate in your registration if there is a day or portion thereof you cannot be here.*



# 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

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*



**HERE FOR GOOD**

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

- 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.
- The family of Nancy Taylor (Laura Creech's mother) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held most likely in the fall.

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

- Baptism of Lori Denise Cox (daughter of Melissa Kallas and Ryan Cox).

### **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.
- James Scrogg for healing and complete recovery from knee surgery.
- Debbie Bowis for healing.
- Venus Masselam for healing and well-being.
- Vi Ozone (Judy Ozone's mother) for comfort and well-being.
- Karen Pettigrew for healing and full recovery.
- Prayers for health and well-being for: Margaret and Kristine Yeager, Sharon Griffith, Donald Sutherland, Gloria Androa, Joel Fickett, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, and Helen Hobson.

### **We hold in God's healing presence family and friends of BHPC community.**

- Kitty Morris (Maggie Morris Fears' mother) for health and well-being.
- Piper Sutton (Jean Sutton's daughter-in-law) who is receiving chemotherapy.
- Marcie (Bethany Frick's friend) who is receiving chemotherapy.
- Jack (Linda Kauskay's friend) whose cancer has metastasized; and wife Agnes.
- Susan (Julie Hunter's friend) for healing and full recovery.
- Armin Behr, Shannon, Barbara, Rob, Doug, Ambar, Graydon, Jeanne, Ed, Jan, Violet, and Lauren.

### **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.
- Those recovering from addiction; those suffering from mental illness; and those who are caregivers; and those traveling.

# 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.

**Flower Dedication** | The flowers are dedicated by Lou Kallas - grateful for 39 years of marriage.



On this the last weekend before the "unofficial" start of summer, BHP CNS would like to say thank you to the BHPC community for being supportive of the Nursery School program. As a mission of BHPC, we are constantly striving to be good stewards of the building and the property and our world. The playgrounds are maintained by the Nursery School but available to the church and neighboring communities to use. Come out and play on our playgrounds.

BHP CNS is a play based preschool program for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year-old children. There is 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 [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)

**Recognizing Graduates** | If you have a high school or college graduate that you would like recognized in our celebrations and during worship on June 14, let us know by emailing their name to Rosanna Howard at [Rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:Rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org).



**Adult Education** | Starting May 24, Adult Education is on break for the summer. We will see you back in September!

**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 worshiping 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.



# Worship Schedule

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

June 21 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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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