



# Pentecost Sunday



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
May 24, 2026  
10:00 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 |  
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## 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. New members join May 31!

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILLON PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Non piu andrai*

Andrew Shea, saxophone  
W.A. Mozart, arr. Foster

### CALL TO WORSHIP

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

One: Loving God and blessed Christ, the creator and savior of all both  
near and far.

**All: By your Spirit, enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all  
the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

## CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Seminarian Han Setiawan

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your loving call.  
We confess that our pride hides the brightness of your light and the sound of your call.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore the cries for justice, we do not strive for peace;  
we close our eyes and ears to the needs of the world and to our own abilities to help. In  
your mercy, cleanse us and commune with us once again through your Spirit, 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.

Spirit of the Living God (#322)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2x)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (vs 1)

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. (2x)

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 2:1-21

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

A Spirit for Everyone

David Gray

## **\*HYMN 130**

Let Every Christian Pray

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# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

## **RESPONSE IN FAITH - ASPOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy  
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from  
the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

### Call for Tithes, Offerings and Here for Good Commitments

*Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your morning offering in the Offering plate or basket. We can also make our commitments for the Here for Good campaign at this time. Commitments can be made using the commitment cards and envelopes in the pews or through the BHPC 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

My Wordless Prayer

Craig Courtney

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand,  
I can no longer voice one request or one demand.  
My cup of tears is empty, I can no longer cry,  
my lips have fallen silent, my prayer is but a sigh.

Spirit, come and rest Your ear upon my heart,  
O come and hear my wordless prayer,  
my silent plea and take them far away from me.  
Take them from this ear of mine to the Father's heart divine.  
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to You both night and day.  
How long will You be silent? Why do You turn away?

### \*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

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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

O Trinity of Love and Grace (sung to MELITA)

O Trinity of love and grace  
Whose Spirit occupies this space.  
You raise our hopes and dreams up higher  
A Pentecost of love's bright fire.  
As we remember those who passed  
Who make their home with you at last.

Eternal God of love and grace  
Protect our troops from all they face  
Care now for them so far from home  
So they will know they aren't alone.  
Guard those on earth, land, sky and sea  
Who serve protecting liberty.

O Christ, the son of love and grace  
Your presence holds us in life's race  
Your steady hand calmed choppy waves  
You sacrificed so we are saved  
You walked upon the foamy sea  
You said "let children come to me."

Lord God, O hear us as we pray  
For our own nation on this day.  
Help us to use our gifts and power  
To help your world in this key hour.  
May we receive your Spirit's fill  
Help each of us to do your will.

- Words by David Gray

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## SENDING MUSIC

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual  
arr. Richard Elliot

## PREPARATION OF THE SANCTUARY

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Today will be our final Sunday in the Sanctuary until the end of August. To help get us ready, would you help by removing the pencils, papers and bibles from the pews and take them to the narthex bins. Leave the hymnals. We will be worshipping in Covenant Hall together at 10:00 a.m. starting next Sunday. Enter through the Gathering Space doors. Summer services will continue to be livestreamed.*

**Summer Sanctuary Plans** | This summer we replace our original Sanctuary floor and surrounding areas with a beautiful, long-lasting, musically supportive, new floor. We look forward to celebrating our return to the Sanctuary by September. Thanks for your patience.



### Preview of May 31

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

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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

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

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

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.

Scan here to  
join on Zoom:



Meeting ID: 897 9618 9456

*Thank  
You*

### Appreciation of Paul Vasile

As we prepare to say goodbye with deep gratitude for our year with Paul Vasile, notes and letters of appreciation for Paul can be placed in the PLM Personnel mailbox in the outer office, mailed to the church or emailed to Pastor David.

## Contributing to Bradley Hills' Campaign

Thank you so much for your support of BHPC's *Here for Good* campaign. Many of you, both members and friends of BHPC, made a commitment before or on May 17. Thank you.

Between now and June 7, when the campaign concludes on Celebration Sunday, we invite you to prayerfully consider participating by making a commitment to the campaign. Commitments may be fulfilled over five years. *Here for Good* is vital to sustaining Bradley Hills as a church for the long term and as a community center that does good in our area now.

For more information about the campaign's goals and impact or to make a commitment, visit [www.bradleyhillchurch.org/giving/](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org/giving/)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*



HERE FOR GOOD

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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



## 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



## **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 Janice Roland (wife of Ed Hummer's friend) who died September 15.
- The family of Nancy Taylor (Laura Creech's mother) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be in the Sanctuary, September 27, followed by a reception.

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

- Baptism of William Bruton, son of Scott Bruton and Julie Taylor.

### **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.
- Joanna Schmeissner for comfort and well-being.
- Grace (grandmother of Jessica from Friends Club).
- Debbie Bowis for healing.
- 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, James Scrogg, Venus Masselam, Vi Ozone, Karen Pettigrew, and Helen Hobson.

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

- Piper Sutton, Kitty Morris, Marcie, Jack, Susan, Amin 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 war, hurt, and division including:**

- For all those affected by the shootings at the Mosque in San Diego.
- Peace in the Middle East.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms.
- The realization of the hope for an end to gun violence.

**A Stewardship Note** | We are so grateful for all the commitments to the *Here for Good* campaign. We appreciate that members are making those commitments in addition to fulfilling their fall stewardship pledges to the BHPC annual operating budget, which funds the daily operations of the church. We so appreciate this act of faith. Through the end of April – one third of the year – a majority (56%) of the 211 households that made stewardship pledges for the year 2026 have either fulfilled their pledge entirely or have contributed one third or more of the pledged amount.

We sincerely thank those of you who are ahead of schedule or on track in fulfilling your pledges. Contributing your pledged gifts early or on a regular basis ensures that Bradley Hills can continue fulfilling its mission throughout the year.

## Our Staff

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

**Dick Tustian Memorial Service** | Today at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Memorial Hall.

**Smart Sacks** | Join us in the Lounge immediately after the 10:00 service to assemble the sacks, which will go to area families in need.



**Recognition of Long Time Members** | During worship on June 7, we will be recognizing and thanking our long time and foundational members in worship.

**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.



# Worship Schedule

Summer worship schedule - 1 service at 10 a.m. in Covenant Hall

May 31 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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

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

June 21 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

June 28 | Youth Mission Trip Report Back

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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