



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
May 3, 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

With Quiet Rejoicing

John Ferguson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: We are witnesses to the community of love God has created for us.

**All: Increase our understanding, O God, and open our minds to connect to you.**

One: Speak your word of revival to us.

**All: Let our lives be witnesses to your love, sharing it with everyone we encounter, sisters and brothers in God's family. Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 114

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

### MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

Bill Perry  
Jim Kettler

## CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of surprises, the world proclaims that hurt overcomes help.

**All: But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

One: The world is anxious about death.

**All: But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

One: The world proclaims that fear is the truth of our living.

**All: But we proclaim Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

One: Help us, O Lord, to feel your presence 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

*Children ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Club 3-4-5 will not have church school today, and are encouraged to stay worship to participate in the sacrament of communion. 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!

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-25

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Seeing Christ Among Us

David Gray

**\*HYMN**

Open My Eyes, Lord

Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

### RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

#### CALL FOR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

*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

Rombaho

Niriko Gaëtan (Madagascar)  
arr. Andrew Donaldson

From all that turns us from you, God our God,  
From all that is empty or untrue,  
Everything false or unjust we lay down to love you and serve you.

Woah, \*rombaho, for you are our treasure and the joy in our song.  
Holy One, shine upon us.  
Woah, rombaho, surround us, O Spirit, with the light of your love.  
Holy Dove, light upon us.

\*rombaho is an untranslatable rhythmic word in Malagasy music

#### \*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!

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **RESPONSE IN FAITH - SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP**

One: The gifts of God given for all.

**All: For all.**

### **\*SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Chancel Choir and Lantern Chorale  
Gabriel Fauré

Ave verum corpus

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum fluxit sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.  
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,  
O Jesu Fili Mariae. Miserere nobis. Amen.

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of humankind.  
From whose pierced side flowed blood:  
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.  
O sweet Jesus, O merciful Jesus; O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on us. Amen.

### **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

For Everyone Born

Carl Daw, Jr. and Dan Damo



For ev-'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - 'ry - one born, clean  
For all who share life, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de -  
For all who have breath a place at the ta ble, a cov - en - ant shared, a  
For ev-'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with-out fear, and



wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow-ing,  
cid - ing to share, with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the po - wer,  
wel - com - ing space, a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,  
simp - ly to be, to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev-'ry - one born, a star ov - er head. And  
for all who share life, a sys - tem that's fair.  
for all who have breath the chal - ice of grace.  
for ev-'ry - one born, the right to be free.



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, of



joy, com - pas - sion and peace; yes, God will de - light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

On this **Ministry Sunday**, we give thanks for God's work in the world through the congregation and partners of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church.

The church's ministries (blue) and mission partners (purple) displayed around the sanctuary this morning are a mosaic of the ways we seek to be **Here for Good** for each other, our local community, and our global family, with God's help.

## Preview of May 10

**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

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 10 | Why do bad things happen to good people?

This session will deal with this very important, perhaps the most important, theological question. It will be led by John Gaffney, long-time Bradley Hills member and former Session member, and Pastor David. Prospective attendees/participants might consider reading the book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, as well as the Book of Job. A kind of inverse book is Mark Levinson's *Why Good Things Happen to Bad People*. Job challenges retribution theology: that suffering comes from wrongdoing or lack of faith. Kushner's message is that randomness affects life; we weren't looking and were struck crossing a road, or our friend Joe caught COVID and died.

There will also be time for questions and discussion about the possibility of miracles. The Catholic Church claims to have authenticated a few. *Time will be included for questions and discussion.*

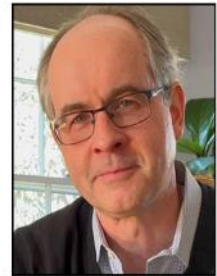


Looking for Community? Purpose?  
Join our Bradley Hills family.  
All are welcome!

**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 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

**A Stewardship Note** | Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship – saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family and showing charity toward others. Please consider leaving a legacy of love and concern to Bradley Hills by including a gift to the church in your estate plan. A brochure ON Planned Giving, which you can find in the literature rack in the Narthex, contains more information on ways that you can make such gifts.

### 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 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:**

- A meaningful and memorable Youth Sunday. Bless our talented youth.
- Congratulations and all blessings to Officer Clifford (security officer) on the birth of his daughter Chloe.

### **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.
- 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) for healing from surgery on April 27.
- 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.**

#### **Debbie for healing.**

- Jim who is recovering from a stroke and his wife Anne (friends of Elaine Hunt).
- Yousef (Dave Burgett's friend) who continues to be detained following arrest 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.



We are so excited that spring is blossoming here on the BHPC campus. Our children are happy to be outside enjoying nature walks to see the many flowers and trees bloom, to check on their marigolds blooming in the Children's garden, to release their butterflies, and to watch spring turn into summer. We are truly blessed to have such a beautiful campus. April was another busy month at the Nursery School; we made Mother's Day surprises, had field day jamborees, and hosted Transportation Days. Our last day of school will be May 22nd

and then we will put on our swimsuits, blow up our inflatable pools and get ready for a month of Summer Camp.

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).

## 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)

**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.



### 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 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 | 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 |  
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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