



# 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 row, and take home a welcome folder found just outside Covenant Hall.**

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 or a new members class will be held on June 28. New members join July 12!

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

#### GATHERING MUSIC

Sarabande

Annabel Hunter, piano  
Claude Debussy

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, we praise you:

**All: How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

One: Let us greet one another this Sabbath morning.

**All: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.**

One: O LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All: Let us worship the Triune God.**

Pastor David Gray

#### \*HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

vs, 1, 3-4

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## WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

# CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Denise Diaab

**Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone. God who is Trinity, hear our confessions...**

*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**

Baptisms of Matilda Elise Sloan, Wyatt Walter Sloan and Cornelia Winifred Sloan

Parents: Samantha Sloan and Andrew Sloan

*Children (pre-k through fifth grade) are invited to exit Covenant Hall 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**

Matthew 28:16-20

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Denise Diaab

## **\*HYMN 403**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## 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 or through the BHPC website. As we make our offerings, guests are encouraged to fill out the Visitor Card or the fellowship pads; 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

Traumerei

Robert Schumann

### \*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

Go to the World!

from Glory to God



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## SENDING MUSIC

Prelude in E minor Op. 28 No. 4

Frederic Chopin

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## Preview of June 7

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

Communion | Recognition of long time members | Summer Choir | *Here for Good* Celebration | Churchwide BBQ | Celebrating the Ministry of Paul Vasile

Preaching: Pastor David Gray

### Celebrating *Here for Good*

On June 7, we will conclude our *Here for Good* capital campaign. This effort will help ensure BHPC is sustainable long term and do the good that is ours to do now. To learn about the campaign and its impact or to make a pledge, go to [www.bradleyhillschurch.org/giving/](http://www.bradleyhillschurch.org/giving/) or email [Jan@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:Jan@bradleyhillschurch.org) to make a commitment. Pledges made by June 3 will be included in the June 7 total. Thank you to the many of you who already made a commitment.

We will celebrate on June 7 with our annual beginning of summer BBQ. Please bring sides, salads, and desserts. We need folks to help set up and clean up on June 7 too. To help volunteer, email Pastor David.



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

Dear Church Family,

As we move into the summer season, we wanted to share a few updates about church operations over the coming months.

This summer will include a major renovation project at BHPC. We are excited that our original sanctuary floor, long in need of attention, will be replaced with a beautiful new floor in time for fall. In addition, many of the floor spaces connected the BHPC staff offices will be replaced.

Along with the naturally quieter rhythm of summer schedules, the replacement of the floors will affect how and when our staff is working on site. To help us continue serving the congregation effectively while also navigating construction and building access, our staff will be working some more flexible hours when appropriate during the summer months. As we will all need to adapt on Sundays for worship in Covenant Hall, we will need to adapt some in the offices during the week as well.

Beginning June 1, staff members will continue to be available and actively working throughout the week as usual, but some responsibilities may need to be handled remotely. For example, from June 8 until June 13, the BHPC offices will need to be closed all week for construction. **To reach a staff member, email is best!** Staff emails are listed in the second to last page of the weekly worship bulletins or we can be emailed through the church website. You can still reach the church office by phone as usual, but a returned call may take longer than usual. Staff will remain available for pastoral care, meetings, ministry support, worship planning and setting up activities; we just may have to be flexible in our planning.

#### **Our planned Summer office hours for June:**

- The week of June 8-13, the church offices will be closed. Email staff to meet rather than coming to the church.
- The weeks of June 14-20, June 21-27 and June 28-July 4, the church hours on T, W and TH will shift to being open from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. As usual, the church offices will be closed Mondays and open from 9-1 on Fridays. Staff members may well be working in their offices at times beyond this as well, but email staff if possible before coming by.

As we move through summer, we will reevaluate how the construction schedule and staff schedules are working (you may share any feedback with David) which will impact the July and August schedules.

We're grateful for this opportunity to improve our facilities for ministry and fellowship, and we appreciate your patience and support while the work is underway. We look forward to continuing in ministry with you this summer and to seeing you at church on Sundays.

All blessings,  
The BHPC Staff Team

**A Stewardship Note** | Adding Bradley Hills as a beneficiary of a portion of your retirement plan assets can be as simple as filling out a change-of-beneficiary form. It could mean a large gift for the Church without affecting your family's financial security. If you need any information to make such a designation, email [jan@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:jan@bradleyhillschurch.org)

## 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

*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.

**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.



**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.



## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Joanna Schmeissner who died on May 22.
- The family of Janice Roland (wife of Ed Hummer's friend) who died May 15.
- The family of Ambar (friend of Richard & Judy Webster) who died May 19.
- 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:

- Congratulations to Andrew Howard on his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. The promotion ceremony was held on May 27.

### 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.
- 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, including:

- Karl, Piper Sutton, Kitty Morris, Marcie, Jack, Susan, Amin Behr, Shannon, Barbara, Rob, Doug, Graydon, Jeanne, Ed, Janet, Violet, and Lauren.



## 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



## Our Staff

|   |                     |   |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Senior Pastor                                   | David Gray          | david@bradleyhillschurch.org                |
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Sextons - Juan Mendez, Leonel Bruno, Juan E. Mendez and Jorge Miranda

Child Caregivers - DelCarla Shorter and Izzy Ayala

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)

**Summer Choir** | On Sunday, June 7 at 9 a.m. we welcome youth and adults to rehearse and sing. All are welcome to join as we sing with Paul for the last time. Join us as we offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to God through music!



**Flower Dedication** | In memory of Bill Davis, by Ellen Gagne.

**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](mailto:Rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org).



# Worship Schedule

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

June 7 | Communion | Recognition of long time members |  
Summer 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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