



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
June 21, 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 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.

In Christ's hope,
David Gray, Senior Pastor |
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

Pastor Denise Diaab

GATHERING MUSIC

Intermezzo in A Major

Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor David Gray

One: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the LORD with songs of praise!

One: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

All: For who is God except the LORD?

One: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, in you I trust.

One: Come, let us worship our God.

All: For the LORD is a great God.

*HYMN 276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness, to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine and ten thousand beside!

Refrain.

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

David Gray

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

First Fruit Offering

Steve Burns

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar, and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hear our prayers 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 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

Genesis 21:8-21

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

Marie Marquis, soprano

SERMON

Denise Diaab

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

from Glory to God

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, though eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail.
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain.

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, make a pledge through Giving Now or under the Stewardship section of the website. As we make our offerings, guests are encouraged to **fill out the Visitor Card or the fellowship pads in your row;** 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

Nocturne in E minor Op. 72, No. 1

by Frederic Chopin

***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 263**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds, which as fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reingest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angles adore Thee, al veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see,
Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC

Two-Part Invention No. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Congregational Meeting - TODAY | There will be a very brief congregational meeting after worship today at 11:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall and online to elect our new nominating committee. The nominees are:

Curt West | Kim Brinkman | Carol Whitley | Carol McLeod | Ed Hummers
Lee Anne Graueb | Melanie Mace

Preview of June 28

Summer Schedule | One service at 10:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall and online
Youth Mission Trip Report Back

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



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

Sunday, June 28

Library

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 June 28. We'll celebrate your journey with a special welcome ceremony during worship on July 12.



Contact Pastor David at
david@bradleyhillschurch.org



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.



Join the First Fruit Offering! | We are currently in the season of our First Fruit Offering (FFO) for the "Here for Good" capital campaign! This is a special time for our congregation to make our initial, joyful contributions toward our shared vision for the future.



HERE FOR GOOD

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are making the first gift toward your pledge or a one-time contribution, you can make your First Fruit Offering today by placing a check in the offering plate (with "Here for Good" in the notation line) or by visiting the giving page on the Bradley Hills website. Join us for a special "Strawberries and Cream" Coffee Hour Celebration on Sunday, July 12th to mark the close of the FFO season! **Questions? Reach out to any member of our team: Steve & Joan Burns, Bruce & Julie Hunter, or Neil & Abby Imus.**



Flower Dedication | From Shizuko and Yoshi Sei - in memory of loved ones.

A Stewardship Note | We are grateful for all our church staff, not only for those who guide and teach us, but those who enable the church to function as a healthy, safe, and lively place to worship, a place to consider "home." Thank you.

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd.
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Text Giving



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to 73256

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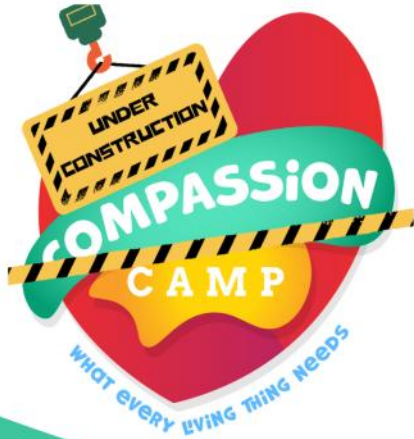
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Access the
Bradley Hills Giving page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button



**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 campers have put on their jetpacks and are having an out of this world experience at our summer camp, **Bradley Bear Goes to Outer Space**. While keeping cool with lots of water play, we are learning all about the planets, stars, rockets, and more. Summer Camp at BHP CNS is a blast!

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 the office at 301-365-2909 or email Liz Sobrino at Lsobrino@bhpcns.org or check out our website at www.bhpcns.org!*

Livestream Worship Note | If the worship service begins and the livestream doesn't appear to be working, we are aware of the issue as we watch the services while we broadcast them. We will be working to get the livestream up and running as fast as possible.

Pride 2026

BHPC will again be connecting with our broader Presbytery for events during Pride month. For more information about activities, see David or Denise.



Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Charles (Chuck) Weir who died on June 16.
- The family of Joanna Schmeissner whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be in Covenant Hall, August 23, followed by a reception.
- 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 all our graduates.
- Commissioning youth and chaperones for mission trip and summer conferences.

We hold in God's healing presence those who suffer pain, ill health or other concerns.

- 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.
- Those learning to live with a new health diagnosis.
- Lee (Gary Hostetler's brother) for health and well-being as he recovers from the loss of his leg due to congestive heart failure.
- Kevin (Elaine Hunt's grandson) who is recovering from a broken collarbone.
- Sharon Griffith for health and well-being.
- Donna Folley for health and well-being.
- Jeff (son of Janet Williams) for health and well-being.
- Prayers for health and well-being for: Eric, Christopher, Thomas Kirby, Debbie Bowis, Margaret and Kristine Yeager, Donald Sutherland, Gloria Androa, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, James Scrogg, Venus Masselam, Vi Ozone, and Helen Hobson.

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

- Cynthia (mother of Joan & Steve's daughter-in-law) as she recovers from surgery.
- Lydia (Joan & Steve Burns' daughter-in-law) for healing from surgery on June 16.
- Karl, Piper Sutton, Kitty Morris, Marcie, Jack, Susan, Amin Behr, Shannon, Barbara, Rob, Doug, Graydon, Jeanne, Ed, Jan, Violet, Lauren, and Suzanne.

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:

- An end to the war with Iran and a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.
- Peace and restoration for the people of Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sudan, Palestine, Israel, South Korea, Syria, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Russia, and Venezuela.
- For all those being held in detention centers in unhealthy conditions, especially children.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Muslim, Jewish, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- The welfare of our country; that those in authority lead with integrity considering all the people.
- The realization of the hope for an end to gun violence

Our Staff

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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)

Office Hours Update | This summer will include a major renovation project at BHPC! 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 more flexible hours when appropriate during the summer.

Beginning June 1, staff members will continue to be actively working throughout the week as usual, but some responsibilities may need to be handled remotely at times. **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 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.

Worship Schedule

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

June 28 | Youth Mission Trip Report Back

July 5 | Communion | Preaching: Ming Hui Tseng

July 12 | Recognition of New Members | Preaching: Bob Deans

July 19 | Preaching: Ally McKinney Timm

July 26 | Preaching: Seminarian Han Setiawan

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, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. to 1