



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
July 12, 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. Email David to set up a time to connect. New members join July 12.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Meditation on "Lobe Den Herren"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All who trust and all who struggle with issues of faith, come and gather here.

All: We come to be renewed by God.

One: All who sometimes wrestle with God, come and gather here.

All: We come to be blessed by God.

One: All who wander without knowing what lies ahead, come and gather here.

All: We come to be reassured by God.

One: All who wish to step out in boldness and find meaning, come and gather here.

All: We come to worship God!

*HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET LM

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

First Fruit Offering Celebration

HFG Reach Team

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

One: In those times when we are overwhelmed with fear,

All: Forgive us, God, and help us to trust you.

One: In those times when we are tempted to judge others,

All: Forgive us, God, and help us to lean on your grace.

One: In those times when we believe we have nothing to offer,

All: Forgive us, God, and help us to remember your trust in us. Hear now our silent prayers as we confess before you...

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.

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.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 40:4, Psalm 56:3-4 and Proverbs 3

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

In God We Trust

Bob Deans

*HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH

Recognition of New Members

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate. 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

Adagio in E Flat

*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 SING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of July 19

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

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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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. 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.**



HERE FOR GOOD

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Scan the QR code to
make your First Fruit
Offering:



Action Forum | TODAY

When | 11:15 to 12:30 p.m.

Where | Library

A light lunch will be included

This month's shared conversation lets us reflect on how our faith and our love and acceptance of others allowed us to reach 250 years as a country. The journey continues. There have always been multiple paths of appreciation and multiple paths of dissent. The Action Forum continues to offer us ways to learn and act on our shared resilience as we struggle with what many view as unjust changes. *Please join us.*



Summer Sanctuary Plans | This summer we replace our original 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.



**BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026
COMPASSION CAMP: UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

When: August 17 - 20th, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Cost: Register by August 5, 2026 - \$65/per child

Scan the QR code to register:



Volunteers Needed to Facilitate Fall Small Groups

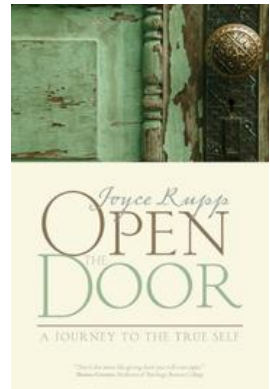
There are two options for in-person and Zoom groups:

- 9/27-10/29 for a 5-week group
- 9/27-11/8 for a 6-week group

We will be using Joyce Rupp's *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self*

Joyce Rupp brings new life to the ageless spiritual image of the door, weaving insights from East and West with the wisdom of contemporary spiritual writers, poets, and novelists in a practical format that is just right for contemporary readers. Structured as a daily prayer guide for everyday use over six weeks, each day offers a thematic reflection, a guided meditation, an original prayer, a thoughtful question, and a related scripture quote. A built-in guide for small groups makes this the perfect resource for groups of all kinds as well as individuals.

If you are interested in leading or co-leading one of the small groups of 8-10, please contact Denise by August 3 at denise@bradleyhillschurch.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.

A Stewardship Note | Thank you for continuing your financial gifts to Bradley Hills during the summer. The church's financial obligations continue, even when church members are on vacation, and the continued flow of pledged and unpledged gifts makes it possible to meet those obligations all year.

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

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

ICPC Youth Badminton/Volleyball Drop-in Program | Begins Saturday, July 18

ICPC is pleased to announce our new badminton and volleyball drop-in program on Saturdays for youth (ages 10 and up) from BJC, MIIC and BHPC.

Bring a friend or make new friends and have some fun this summer. All skill levels welcome. No need to pre-register. Just drop in! Remember to bring your water bottle.

When | Saturday evenings from 5 – 6:30 pm beginning July 18

Where | 6601 Bradley Blvd (outside near the playground)

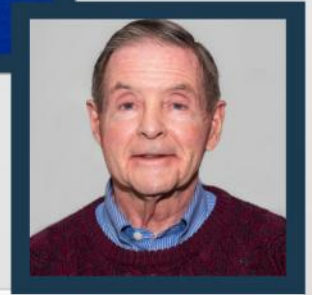
Program may be canceled due to inclement weather.



Flower Dedication | From Linda Kauskay - in loving memory of her parents, Roberta and Stanley Kauskay.

Welcoming New Members

Chuck and Carol Lee are longtime residents of Rockville. Chuck worked on veterans issues for the Department of Veterans Affairs and also served as Counsel for the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. Carol worked as a Science Resource Teacher for the Montgomery County Public Schools. Both are retired and both enjoy photography as a hobby.



Daniela Ligiero is a psychologist by training, born to a Brazilian father and an American mother, who spent her childhood living in several countries as part of a Foreign Service family. She has called Bethesda home for the past 13 years, where she lives with her husband, Joao, and their two daughters, Sofia, who will soon begin her first year at NYU, and Luiza. Daniela and Luiza have been attending Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church for the past year and are excited to officially join the congregation.

Daniela has spent her career in international development and currently serves as the CEO of Together for Girls, a global nonprofit dedicated to ending violence against children and adolescents. Outside of work, she enjoys meditation, spending time with family, exercising, and traveling.



Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Joyce Hunt whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary, October 11, followed by a reception.
- 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 and all blessings to Claudia & Ed Everitt who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on July 11.
- A warm welcome to Gunner Chancey our new Director of Music Ministries.
- A meaningful and memorable Massanetta Middle School Conference and Mission at Massanetta.

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.
- Prayers for our youth and chaperones attending Montreat Senior High Conference.
- Donna Foley-Rennhack for healing and well-being.
- Jean Sutton for health and well-being.
- Sharon Griffith for health and well-being.
- Prayers for God's "shalom" (total well-being) for: Jeff Williams, Eric, Christopher, Debbie Bowis, Margaret and Kristine Yeager, Donald Sutherland, Gloria Androa, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, Venus Masselam, and Helen Hobson.

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

- Rose Muchina (Bonnie Holcomb's friend) for healing and well-being.
- Sibyl Ruffing (Jennifer Kline's mother) for comfort and well-being.
- Cynthia, Lydia, Vi Ozone, Lee, Kevin, Karl, Piper Sutton, Kitty Morris, Marcie, Jack, Susan, Amin Behr, Shannon, Barbara, Rob, Doug, Graydon, Jeanne, Ed, Jan, Violet, Lauren, and Suzanne.
- Susan Chapla (Kim Brinkman's sister) for health and well-being.

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:

- Peace and restoration for the people of Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sudan, Palestine, Israel, South Korea, Syria, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Russia, and Venezuela.
- 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.

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.

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 July:

- 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 office will be closed on Monday and close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Staff members may 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

July 19 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

July 26 | Preaching: Seminarian Han Setiawan

August 2 | Communion | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

August 9 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

August 16 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

August 23 | Pulpit Exchange: Rabbi Eric Abbott

August 30 | *Return to the Sanctuary* | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

September 6 | Holy Humor Sunday | Communion | Blessing of the Backpacks | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

September 13 | *Return to two services* | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

September 20 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Welcome Back Brunch

Interested in Staying Up-to-Date on BHPC? Get Connected!

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Office Manager at kristen@bradleyhillchurch.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