



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
July 5, 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](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. 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

Improvisation on SLANE

Chancey

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: God has searched us and known us.

**All: God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.**

One: God discerns our thoughts from far away.

**All: How wonderful are all the works of God.**

One: Let us worship with awe.

**All: Let us worship with wonder. Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 264

When in our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

## CONFESSING AND PRAISING

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

O God, only you know the truth of the burdens each of us carry. We know that some of the burdens which we wish to lay down can be picked up by the gifts and energies of others. Sometimes we can change our life in ways which bring new justice and care. For other things, we have few answers, or we simply fail in what we would hope to do or be. We pray for forgiveness. We pray for new ways to journey on in hope.....

- Dorothy McRae-McMahon

*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**

Judges 4

One: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

God Glories in the Unexpected

Ming Hui Tseng

### **\*HYMN 513**

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

## **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.** 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chancey

## \*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.

*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

Improvisation

## 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 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Today's Coffee Hour is provided by the Music Director Search Committee as we celebrate and welcome Gunner Chancey as our new Director of Music Ministries.

### **Preview of July 12**

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

Recognition of New Members | Preaching: Bob Deans |  
*Here for Good* First Fruit Celebration

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

**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.



### 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

### Volunteers Needed to Facilitate Fall Small Groups

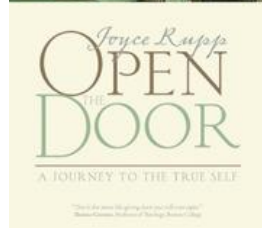
There are two options for in-person and Zoom groups:

- 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](mailto: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** | We are grateful to everyone whose gifts have made our church such a warm, welcoming place of worship, and whose gifts will support the church's future for our children and our grandchildren.

### 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

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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** | July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>

**Becky's House Available Dates** | August 10<sup>th</sup>



Scan the QR code to  
sign up for Lon's House



Scan the QR code to  
sign up for Becky's  
House



**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:



### **VBS Volunteers Needed!**

We need adult and youth volunteers to help run VBS! From drama, to shepherds, to recreation, to crafts.... there is something for everyone!

**When** | VBS will be Monday-Thursday this year, and volunteers will need to be here from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Training will be held on Sunday, August 16 from 4:00 to approx. 8:00 p.m. at Bradley Hills. We will be decorating and prepping for Monday and will finish up with a bonfire and s'mores. Dinner will be provided.

Please indicate in your registration if there is a day or portion thereof you cannot be here.



**Friends Club Has Openings** | Friends Club (a ministry of BHPC) brings together active gentlemen in the early-to-mid stages of memory loss in a caring, safe, fun, and secure environment. They meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at BHPC. The program enriches participants' lives by engaging in active discussions and other activities which bring joy and laughter to the members and much needed respite for their caregivers.

To learn more, call Ken Silverstein, Executive Director at 301-469-0070 or email [ken@friendsclubbethesda.org](mailto:ken@friendsclubbethesda.org)

## **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 who died on June 26. We will share details for honoring Joyce's life when they are available.
- The families of Chuck Weir, Joanna Schmeissner, and Nancy Taylor.

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

- The youths' meaningful and inspiring sharing of their mission trip experiences in Raleigh, North Carolina and leading the worship service last Sunday.
- We look forward to welcoming Gunner Chancey, our new Director of Music Ministries.

### **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.
- Ed Everitt (Claudia Everitt's husband) for healing and well-being.
- Jean Sutton for health and well-being.
- Jennifer Kline for strength and wisdom as she provides care for her mother.
- Sharon Griffith for health and well-being.
- Prayers for health and well-being for: Donna Foley-Rennhack, Jeff Williams, Eric, Christopher, Debbie Bowis, Margaret and Kristine Yeager, Donald Sutherland, Gloria Androa, 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.**

- Rose Muchina (Bonnie Holcomb's friend) for healing and well-being.
- Sibyl Ruffing (Jennifer Kline's mother) for comfort and well-being.
- Jan (Rosanna Howard's mother) for health and well-being.
- Gus (Sara Todd's son's dog) for healing and complete recovery.
- Suzi (daughter of Elaine Hunt's friend) who is receiving chemotherapy.
- Cynthia (mother of Joan & Steve's daughter-in-law) as she recovers from surgery.
- Lydia (Joan & Steve Burns' daughter-in-law) for healing, traveling grace, and easy transitions for her family as they move to California.
- Lee Hostetler, Kevin, 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:**

- Those in Venezuela affected by the earthquakes.
- An end to the war with Iran and a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its form
- 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

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
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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 12 | Recognition of New Members | Preaching: Bob Deans |  
*Here for Good First Fruit Celebration*

July 19 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

July 26 | Preaching: Seminarian Han Setiawan

August 2 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

August 9 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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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