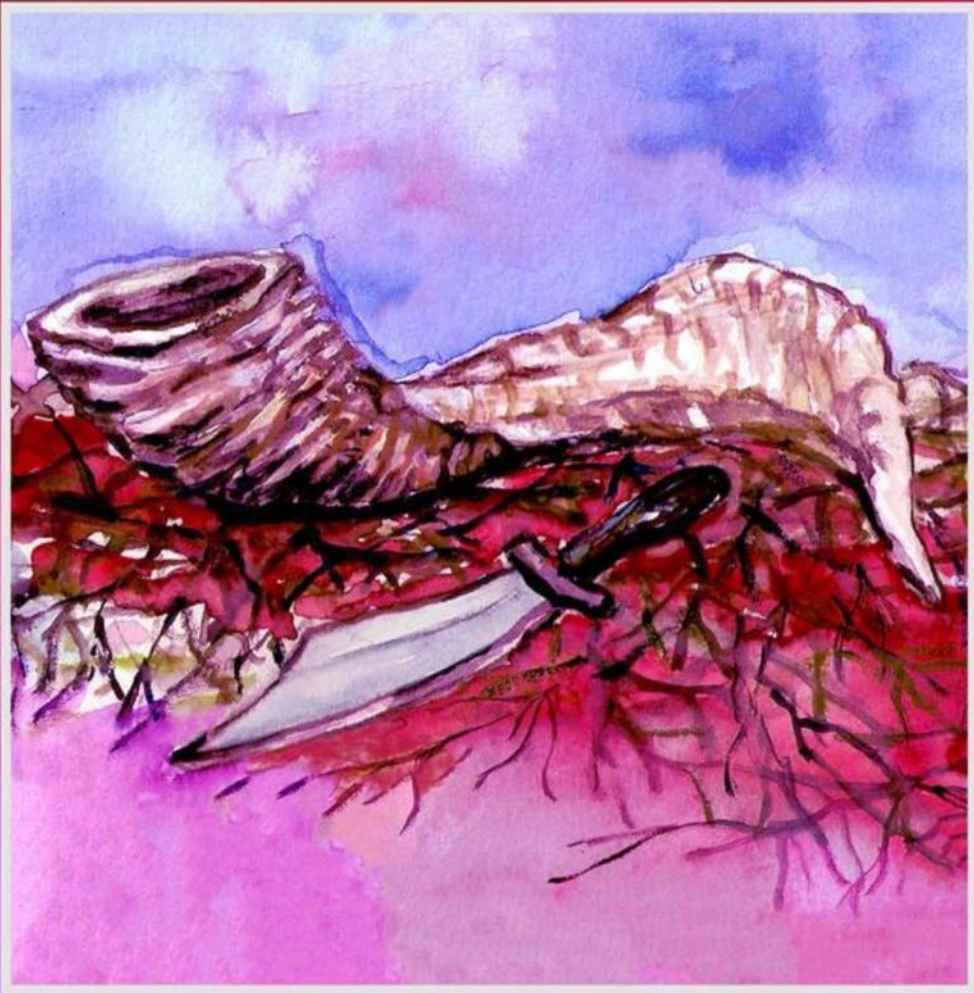




ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE GENESIS (22:1-14)



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
August 2, 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. Membership classes will be held October 4, 11 and 18th. New Members join October 25.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Raindrop Prelude

Annabel Hunter
Frederic Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathie Lutter

One: God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

All: We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

One: Come, let us worship God.

All: Let us worship God who is faithful and fulfills God's promise.

*HYMN 356

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Denise Diaab

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, on lonely Mount Moriah you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that we have failed much lesser tests of our faith. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to kill our relationship with you.

In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 22:1-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Denise Diaab

***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

Venetian Boat Song No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

*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

To a Wild Rose

Edward MacDowell

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 391

Take My Life

HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of August 9

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

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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



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
LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!



VBS Volunteers Needed!

We need **ADULT** 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.



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.

For everyone's safety, and because we are now installing the flooring, which requires time to cure, please do not enter the Sanctuary for the next few weeks.

Check out the Friday email each week for a progress report and pictures of the work!



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*

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@bradleyhillchurch.org.



A Stewardship Note | August is National Make-a-Will Month, an annual observance encouraging individuals to create or update their will and other estate planning documents. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the importance of planning for the future and ensuring your wishes are honored. Although many people postpone or avoid estate planning, there are several reasons why you should take this important step.

Here are some advantages of making or updating your will:

Peace of mind:

- Having a will in place provides peace of mind, knowing that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes rather than the default rules that your state law would dictate.

Protecting loved ones:

- A will ensures your loved ones are taken care of and that your wishes are carried out, minimizing potential legal complications, disputes, and expense.

Charitable giving:

- A will also is a way to make planned gifts, supporting charitable causes that you care about beyond your lifetime.

Many organizations offer free resources and tools, such as online will creation platforms, to help individuals get started with the process. Or you may prefer to consult with an attorney or financial advisor about your specific needs and to ensure that your will is legally sound. Either way, we urge you to consider including Bradley Hills as a beneficiary of your estate.

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



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.

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 | August 10th, September 14th and December 14th

Becky's House Available Dates | August 10th

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



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



How is it August already? At BHPCNS August is always a flurry of activity as we prepare for the upcoming school year. This summer we have been busy replenishing the sand on our playgrounds, weeding our children's garden, and replacing outdated cabinetry in several classrooms. Our floors are being polished to a shine and our carpets are being deep cleaned. We are excited for another fun filled year of playing, growing, and learning.

We have limited openings in our program for the 2026-27 school year and will begin accepting applications for the 2027-2028 school year for new families in late September. For more information visit our website www.bhpcns.org or call the office at 301-365-2909 to arrange a tour and have your questions answered.

In the meantime, enjoy the last days of summer!

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- The family of Jean Seybert who died in February in California. A graveside memorial service will be held October 8, at Parklawn Cemetery in Silver Spring.
- The family of Joyce Stribling (Michelle Scott's mother) who died July 20, 2026 in Arizona.
- 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.
- The family of Joyce Shoemaker (Carl Hunt's wife) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary, October 11, followed by a reception.

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

- All blessings and congratulations to Joel Fickett and Terri Reicher who were married in Annapolis on Sunday, July 26.
- All blessings and congratulations to Elizabeth Meyer (Louise and Steve Myer's daughter) and Steffens Coulson who were married Saturday, July 25, in Lennox, Massachusetts.

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 (David's father) who is in the hospital receiving treatment for a brain infection
- Frank Fowler (Sally Fowler's husband) who is recovering from knee surgery last week.
- Phyllis Sutherland for God's shalom—total well-being.
- Lou Kallas for healing and complete recovery of his knee.
- Jean Sutton for health and well-being.
- 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, 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 Hines (Betsy Scrogg's cousin-in-law) who was diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Shalom for Rev. Jong Lee's parents who are in South Korea.
- Rose Muchina (Bonnie Holcomb's friend) for healing and well-being.
- David (friend of Elaine Hunt) who has bladder cancer.
- Lydia (Joan & Steve Burns' daughter-in-law) for healing and total well-being.
- Lee Hostetler, Kevin, Karl, Piper Sutton, Kitty Morris, Marcie, Jack, Susan, Amin Behr, Shannon, Barbara, Rob, Doug, Graydon, Jeanne, 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.

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Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland
Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Natalia Kojanova (alto)

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 August:

August 3-14th | The church hours on T, W and TH will be 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. **August 17-28th** | The church hours on T, W and TH will be 9:00 - 2:00 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

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* | Baptisms |
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

September 27 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

October 4 | World Communion Sunday | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

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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