



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
August 16, 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

Pastor Denise Diaab

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Rymarsuk

One: Praise the name of the Lord;
O, servants of the Lord, give praise.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion
we were like those who dream.

One: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

**All: The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced. Come let us worship God.**

*HYMN (SEE INSERT)

To God Be The Glory

GLORY TO GOD

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Denise Diaab

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by the false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God, in Jesus' name. 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

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

Matthew 15:21-28

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

For All

Denise Diaab

***HYMN 172**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

ST. COLUMBA

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

*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 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Flower Dedication | From Nancy Cooper, in memory of Carl Cooper.

Preview of August 23

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

Pulpit Exchange: Rabbi Eric Abbott

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

ACTION FORUM

When | TODAY, Sunday, August 16

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

Where | Library

The listening, learning, sharing and taking action continue. We will update each other on working toward safe and inclusive elections and continuing to enhance the lives of our neighbors. *Light lunch included.*



2026-2027 CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Register your children age 3 - 5th grade.
Church School begins on Welcome Back Sunday
| September 13th**

Our Children's Ministry is built by families, for families. The strength of the program and the experience we create for our children depends on active participation from parents and the broader church community. *We ask each family to thoughtfully consider how they will contribute during this program year.*

Scan the QR code
to register:



Church School Teachers Request | We are desperately seeking church school teachers and second adults for the next school year. Please see Rosanna Howard, Cathie Lutter, or Rosanna Morrison if you are available to assist!

A Stewardship Note | Giving back is one of the greatest lessons we can teach our children: that the world is not all about them and that, through our actions, people will discover the kind of person we truly are.

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



FOOD DRIVE



VBS Participants will be making Snack
Bags for Bethesda Help. You can help
by donating:

- juice boxes
- fruit cups
- applesauce
- fruit snacks
- cookies
- pretzels
- raisins
- granola bars
- crackers/chips
- goldfish

individual packages please

PLEASE DROP OFF FOOD BY AUG. 17TH



Bethesda Help

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need

VBS needs donations for individually packed healthy snacks for the Bethesda Help food drive during the next week. Donations should be brought to the church **no later than Monday, August 17** and can be placed in the bins in the office, the gathering space, and outside Rosanna's office.

Did you know that YOU TOO can help with serving Communion?

Communion Team Coordinator (CTC)

CTC is a meaningful (and easy) way to make a huge contribution to the church. Each month the CTC contacts the Captain of the Communion Team scheduled to serve to ensure enough servers will be available and that the elements are prepared for the service. The CTC prepares the annual schedule and orders supplies when needed. The average monthly time requirement is 1 hr./mo.



Communion Server

If you would enjoy serving communion once a quarter, do we have an opportunity for you. Communion servers meet the Communion Team Captain 45 minutes before the service to help prepare the juice and bread for communion. Team members serve the bread or juice during the service. The congregation appreciates receiving bread and juice rather than using the pre-packaged elements. The average monthly time commitment is about 1 hour/quarter (does not include the time to attend worship service).

To volunteer contact Pastor Denise at denise@bradleyhillschurch.org.

BRADLEY HILLS CHURCH HIKE

When | Saturday, September 5

Time | 9a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where | Agricultural History Farm Park

18400 Muncaster Road

Derwood, MD 20855

What to Bring | hat, water, sunscreen, energy snacks, lunch*

The hike begins at 9:00 a.m. at the park.

**Optional lunch fellowship at the park at the end of the hike*

To RSVP and for hiking/carpool information | Contact Pastor Denise at denise@bradleyhillschurch.org.

Scan here to learn more about the AHFP!



JOIN US FOR OUR BHPC Fall Small 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.

Time options for Fall Small Groups

- Sunday, in-person, 4:00 -5:30 p.m. (BHPC Library) | 3 weeks only 10/4, 10/11, 10/18
- Sunday, Zoom, 7:00-8:30 p.m. | 10/4-11/1
- Sunday, in-person, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (BHPC member's home) | 10/4-10/25
- Thursday, Zoom, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 10/8-11/5
- Thurs, in-person, TBD, 2:00-4:00 p.m. | 10/9-10/30

Interested in joining? Reach out to Denise at denise@bradleyhillchurch.org.



Joyce Rupp
OPEN
THE
DOOR
A JOURNEY TO THE TRUE SELF

"This is the most life-giving book you will ever open."
Thomas Merton, Professor of Theology, Western College

Interested? **Register by September 4.** Email Denise at denise@bradleyhillchurch.org

Family Small Group

**MONDAY, IN-PERSON,
6:00-8:00 P.M. (BHPC LOUNGE)
9/28-10/26**

Childcare and dinner provided.

Parents with small children, this is going to be a wonderful study designed especially for you. Our discussion resource is *In the Midst of Chaos: Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice*.

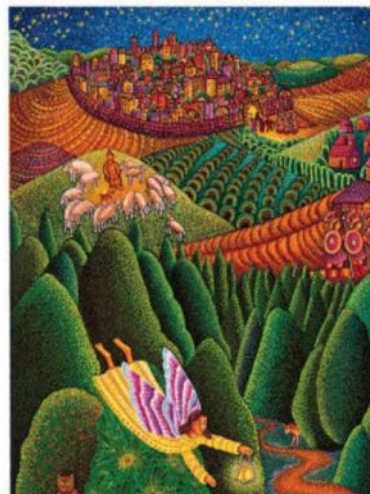
This book explores parenting as spiritual practice. Reviewers say it is "both honest about the difficulties and attentive to the blessings present in everyday life, it explores how parents might use seven daily practices, such as play, reading, chores, and saying goodbye or goodnight, as rich opportunities to shape both parent and child, morally and spiritually. Readers will find in this book an invitation to love those around them in the midst of life's craziness and to live more deeply in grace."

Email Denise at denise@bradleyhillchurch.org to sign up.

Caring for Children as a Spiritual Practice

Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore

The Practices of Faith Series



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 whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be in Covenant Hall, August 23, at 12:00 p.m., followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.
- The family of Boon Chock (David Chock's brother) who died on August 3.
- 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 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 Shoemaker Hunt (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.

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.
- Linda Harman for health and well-being.
- Greg Urban for healing and complete recovery from a broken hip due to a fall.
- Phyllis Sutherland for health and well-being.
- Sharon Griffith for health and well-being.
- Prayers for health and well-being for: Frank Fowler, Jean Sutton, Laura Edson, Donna Foley-Rennhack, Jeff Williams, Eric, Christopher, Debbie Bowis, Margaret and Kristine Yeager, Donald Sutherland, Gloria Androa, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, Vi Ozone, and Helen Hobson.

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

- Elder Carolyn Ellis (at Faith PC) who is recovering from a stroke and heart attack.
- Ed (Pastor David's father) for healing and well-being.
- Reese (Linda Kauskay's granddaughter) who is having health challenges and prayers for parents James (Linda's son) and Jessica (Linda's daughter-in-law).
- Elizabeth Ritter (Steve Fox's former sister-in-law) who is facing cardiac surgery.
- Cynthia Hines (Betsy Scrogg's cousin-in-law) who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer, and her daughter Laura who helps provide care for Cynthia.
- Chris (Joan & Steve Burns' son) and his family as they settle into new home in California.
- Cynthia (Joan & Steve's son's mother-in-law) who is being treated for a brain tumor.
- Shalom for Rev. Jong Lee's parents who are in South Korea.
- Rose Muchina (Bonnie Holcomb's friend) for healing and well-being.
- Malla Wedberg (Patty Howie's neighbor) for health and 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.

Our Staff

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Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland

Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Natalia Kojanova (alto)



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.



Coming Soon | Smart Sacks and tutoring opportunities will return in the fall. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!



Office Hours Update |

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 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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