



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
August 9, 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

Come Christians, Join to Sing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Myla Williams

One: God is God.

All: We belong to God.

One: God is ever good.

All: Let us worship and praise the LORD our God.

*HYMN 220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Denise Diaab

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Myla Williams

Racial Justice Coordinating Committee

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we disobey your will.

We show neither justice nor mercy to others.

Christ our Savior, love incarnate, we confess that we take your love for granted.

We do not give of ourselves, nor do we rejoice in all the blessings we receive.

Holy spirit, power and breath, we confess that we block your movement.

We do not live holy lives of sacrificial love.

Gracious Trinity, forgive us and grant us your peace. Help us to turn from our sins so that we may love you by joyfully caring for others. 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

Psalms 100

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Denise Diaab

***HYMN 837**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

GLORY TO GOD

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Refrain.

Refrain.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms,

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH – God's Mission

From the Book of Order: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

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

Prelude in G, WTC BK II

J.S. Bach

*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 302

I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: God is God.

All: We belong to God.

One: God is ever good.

All: Wherever we are, let us worship and praise the Lord our God.

SENDING MUSIC

Improvisation

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of August 16

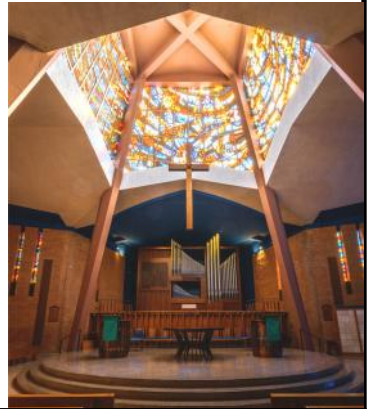
Summer Schedule | One service at 10:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall and online

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

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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.

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



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:



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.



FOOD DRIVE



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

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

individual packages please

PLEASE DROP OFF FOOD BY AUG. 17TH



Bethesda Help

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need

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!





Flower Dedication | From Betty Taylor, Myla Williams, and Taylor Williams, in loving memory of John Reid Taylor.

Sign-Up for Flower Dedications



Scan the QR code to the left or contact Kristen Abbott or the Flower Guild if you are **interested in dedicating flowers in honor or in memory of someone**. Each dedication costs \$65.00. All proceeds go to funding the Flower Guild and Sunday morning flower arrangements.

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



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.

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@bradleyhillschurch.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, Princeton College

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

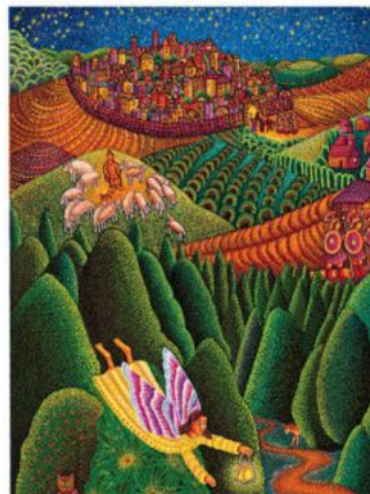
This book explores parenting as spiritual practice. Reviewers say it is "both honest about the difficulties and attentive to the blessings present in everyday life, it explores how parents might use seven daily practices, such as play, reading, chores, and saying goodbye or goodnight, as rich opportunities 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@bradleyhillschurch.org to sign up.

Caring for Children as a Spiritual Practice

Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore

The Practices of Faith Series



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 | September 14th and December 14th

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



Distribute Groceries in Anacostia

Help Is Needed Saturday, August 15!

BHPC is proud to support Faith Presbyterian Church's monthly "Feeding Families" project. The demand is now higher than ever for families in the church's neighborhood. Up to 4-5 BHPC volunteers help Faith's team from 9:00-10:40 a.m., rain or shine. Volunteers pack 60 grocery bags at the church in Anacostia and distribute them on the church property. Adults, families and teens are welcome.

Sign up on Sign Up Genius or send an email to Joan Burns, BHPC liaison to Faith Presbyterian Church.



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





**2026-
2027**

FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT SEASON

“Bradley Hills Presents” is proud to announce its upcoming season, showcasing exceptional musicians from around the world. Tickets can be purchased for the entire season or individually.

Season Subscriptions Available!

Individual Tickets: \$40 adult | \$30 student | \$15 child (under 15 years)

Get \$5 off when you advance purchase individual tickets.

<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/tix/5633> or scan the QR code



How is it August already? At BHP CNS 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 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 Joyce Stribling (Michelle Scott's mother) who died July 20, 2026 in Arizona.
- 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 (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.
- 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).
- Phyllis Sutherland who was hospitalized due to a fall—nothing was broken.
- Laura Edson for health and well-being.
- Frank Fowler (Sally Fowler's husband) who is recovering from knee surgery.
- 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, Vi Ozone, and Helen Hobson.

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

- Ed (Pastor David's father) who is in the hospital receiving treatment for a brain infection.
- Elizabeth Ritter (Steve Fox's former sister-in-law) who is facing cardiac surgery.
- Malla Wedberg (Patty Howie's neighbor) for health and well-being.
- Susan Chapla (Kim Brinkman's sister) for health and well-being.
- 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.
- Sibyl Ruffing (Jennifer Kline's mother) for comfort and well-being.
- 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.
- David (friend of Elaine Hunt) who has bladder cancer.
- 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 all the suffering people of our world.

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)

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 10-14th | 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 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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6601 Bradley Blvd. ▪ Bethesda, MD 20817 ▪ 301-365-2850
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. to 1