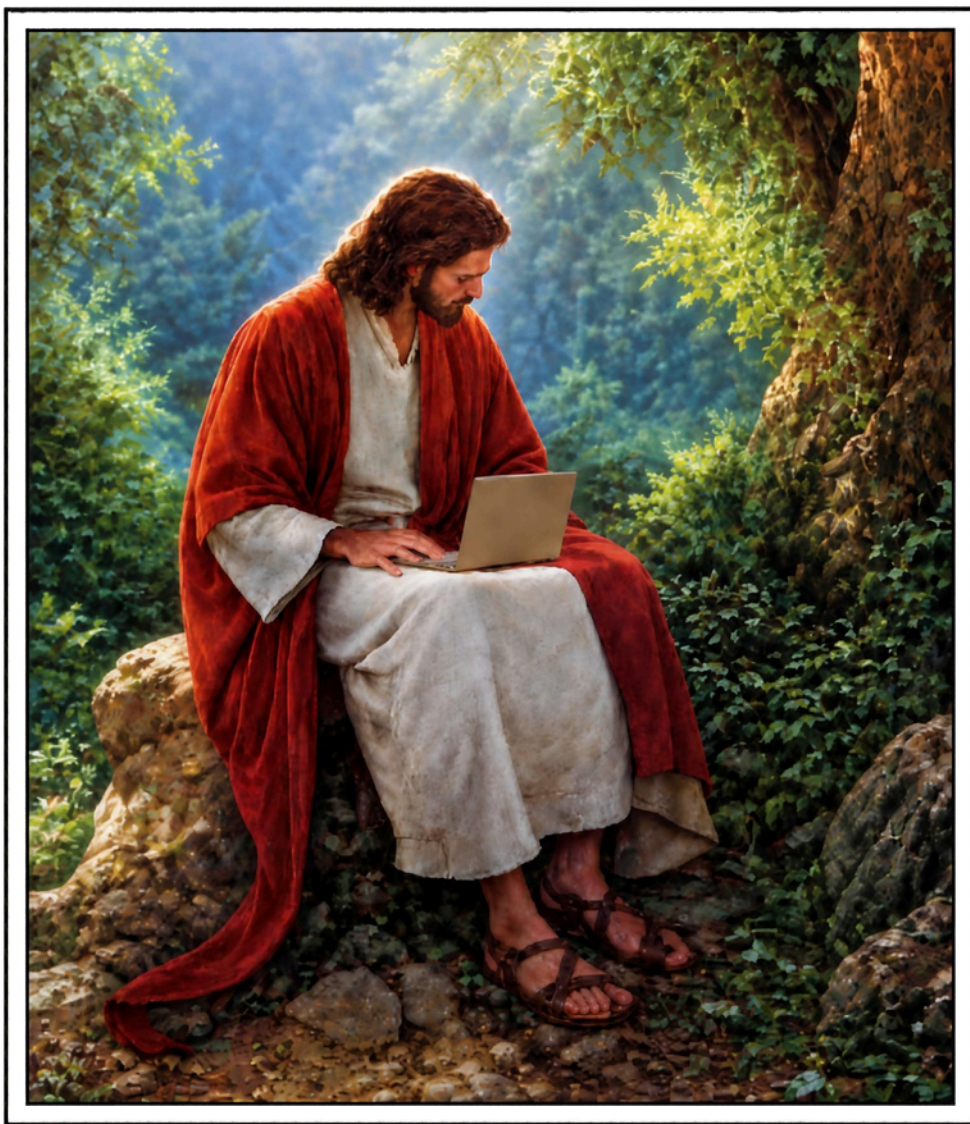




OCTOBER 18, 2026  
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

## A Special Welcome

### **Thank you for joining us for worship today!**

We're glad you're here. We hope the presence of the Holy Spirit and the warmth of Christ's love help you feel at home. We encourage you to explore our bulletin, fill out a Visitor Card or the red fellowship pad at the end of your pew, and take home a welcome folder found in the Narthex.

Bradley Hills is a caring community that seeks God together. We are united by our faith in Christ, our love of learning, music and worship, and our passion for service. 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 all around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers through age 3 in our nursery. All children are welcome to grab an activity bag and children's bulletins.

We hope you'll get to know us and find a place to belong. Learn more at [www.bradleyhillchurch.org](http://www.bradleyhillchurch.org).

In Christ's hope,  
David Gray, Senior Pastor |  
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# **GATHERING TOGETHER**

## **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

### **CARILLON PEAL**

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Christina Liu

One: Let us come together as one, united in glory to God.

**All: We come to worship and praise the God who calls us here.**

One: Let's open our hearts to one another,

**All: Just as Christ has opened his heart to us.**

One: Let us worship God!

# O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
its frag - ile bloom sur-ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won-der at ev - ery gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture th'e - ter - nal seed is sown -  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at — bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.  
though small in mor - tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your word;  
for Christ, the Man from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty, and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise!

## **CONFESSING AND PRAISING**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of renewal and transformation, we know your grace is at work in our lives. We confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us, and to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own. Forgive us when people do not see evidence of you in us, and when we close our eyes and turn away from the needs of the world. Teach us to love one another, to recognize your image in all, as we confess....**

*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.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Children (pre-k through fifth grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary 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.



*If you are new or have not yet registered your child(ren) for church school, please scan the QR code and register so that we have all the safety information necessary for participation in the program.*

## REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 139:14-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Being Human in the Age of A.I.

David Gray

### \*HYMN 272

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*RESPONSE IN FAITH FROM CONFESSION OF 1983

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

### 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

Come and See

Karen Marroli

Come and see. Love is Here now. Free your soul. Let judgment go.  
Come and see. Lay your heart down. Simply be, that you may see.  
Only light can drive away the dark. Only mercy dampens hatred's spark.  
Where compassion reigns, only love remains. Come and see.  
Peace is here now. Just reach out and conquer doubt. Come and see.  
Lay your fear down. See what you find with opened mind.

Where we tend to turn toward force or fight, shouting who is wrong and who is right,  
nurture opened hearts from whence healing starts. Come and see.  
We can build a world where all are known, where all are home,  
where you don't need to carry guilt or shame, you don't need to carry hurt or pain,  
where the fires of grace burn in every place. Come and see.

### **\*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING**

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, 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 281**

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING MUSIC**

God of Grace

John Sabine, organ  
Paul Manz

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



# Connecting Our Community at BHPC

## Preview of October 25

Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall  
10:30 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary & online

Preaching: Pastor David Gray | Stewardship Sunday | New Members Join

**8:30 a.m.** | A more casual service in Covenant Hall

**9:15 a.m.** | Adult Education in the Lounge and on Zoom

**10:30 a.m.** | Our traditional service with music from the Chancel Choir  
and Church School for our little ones through 5th grade

**11:30 a.m.** | Coffee Hour



We'll enjoy lunch and an hour of relaxed conversation with Pastor David and other staff sharing how you can become more involved with church activities and/or become a member.

## Getting Connected and Exploring Membership Class

October 18

11:45 am - 12:45 pm | Library

**LUNCH & CHILDCARE PROVIDED**

For those interested in membership, we'll welcome you during worship on **October 25**.

**TO RSVP, ASK QUESTIONS OR REQUEST THE ZOOM LINK  
(TO JOIN REMOTELY)**

Contact Pastor David at [david@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:david@bradleyhillchurch.org)

## ICPC Interfaith Youth Board Games Afternoon

TODAY, October 18 | 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Come join us for a fun afternoon of board games and pizza! This interfaith event is open to all youth ages 10+ from BHPC, BJC, and MIIC. We will have games, but you can also bring your own. You are welcome to bring a friend.



# FALL CALL CLEAN UP



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Your help is urgently needed to prepare our beautiful church grounds for winter. On October 18, come dressed in your gardening clothes! Join us after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for a snack, followed by fun and fellowship outside.

See you there!



Join us outside of the Education Door  
after 10:30 a.m. worship



## Trunk or Treat



Children

Dress up in Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat for candy around the Bradley Hills' parking lot.

Adults and Youth

Decorate the trunks of your cars with Halloween themes and hand out candy to kids.



**October 24 | 5-7 pm**

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Parking Lot  
6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD



### Adult Education

9:15 a.m. in the Lounge and on Zoom | Childcare provided

**October 25 | The Supreme Court and the Lower Courts: How to Understand What Is Happening Now in Lawsuits Challenging Actions of the Current Administration.** Bradley Hills member Penny Clark returns with an update from her presentation in March, focusing particularly on lawsuits about elections and voting. Penny is a retired attorney whose 44-year career included arguing employee benefits cases before the United States Supreme Court. She served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. of the United States Supreme Court from 1974 to 1975 - one of the first dozen women to clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Art Exhibit



October 18 - November 19 | Lounge

A *Radiant Path*, an extensive exhibit of oil, watercolor, and mixed media, is in the Lounge from October 18 - November 19. You are invited to the Artist's Reception on November 8 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Lounge is accessible on Sundays from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. while Smart Sacks are assembled (you are encouraged to help.)

Contact Carol Starr at [carstarr.com](http://carstarr.com) or 240-988-8885 for more information.

## ICPC Book Discussion | *The Nights Are Quiet in Tehran* by Shida Bazyar

Tuesday, October 27 | 7:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

The book follows an Iranian family from Iran to Germany, during the years 1979-2009. Their journey goes from Tehran to Germany to Tehran and back to Germany, from revolution to exile and back to revolution. Originally written in German, it was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize in 2026.

Read the book and come prepared to share your thoughts with other members of BHPC, BJC, and MIC. This is an in-person event only.

Scan the QR code to register.



## MISSIONS AT BHPC

### BHPC DAY OF SERVICE

**After the worship service on Sunday, October 25th,** please plan on coming down to Memorial Hall to participate in our annual BHPC Day of Service! Everyone – young, old and in-between – are invited to assemble 36 clean-up buckets, 240 hygiene kits, 96 kids kits, and 90 period packs for distribution by Church World Service (CWS) to those in need.

At our BHPC Day of Service you can also purchase a coat for the annual BHPC coat drive for children at our partner elementary school, and sort and bag food for our Smart Snacks ministry that provides much-needed food for children in Montgomery County schools. *Coffee hour will also be held in Memorial Hall that morning!*

### Annual Coat Drive

BHPC is supporting families with kids at Arcola Elementary School and Wider Circle through our annual coat drive!

Now through October 25!

Scan the QR code to learn more, sign up to donate a coat, or make a financial donation!



## A Stewardship Note

**Dedication Sunday is November 8.** Remember to bring your 2027 pledge card on November 8 and join us as we bring our pledges forward in worship on Dedication Sunday, a sacred act of love and commitment in the Bradley Hills tradition. (If you can't come to church in person on November 8 you may submit your pledge on Realm, by snail mail or by email to [jan@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:jan@bradleyhillchurch.org), or you can drop it off at the Church office.

If you prefer to use one of those alternatives, or if you have not received a pledge card, we will furnish cards in worship that you can bring forward on November 8 to participate in Dedication Sunday.)

## Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- **The family of Ben Flowe whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary at 1:00 p.m., December 13, followed by a reception in Memorial Hall.**
- **The family of David Petersen (Myra's Mejia's patient) who died from a sudden heart attack October 10.**
- **The family of Dora Jean Smith (Denise's aunt) whose funeral is October 19.**

**We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.**

- **Welcome and all blessings to Maya Rose Elliott-Zahraie (daughter of Elder Kathleen Elliott and Cyrus Zahraie) who was baptized on October 11.**

**We hold in God's healing presence those who suffer pain, ill health or other concerns:**

- **Karin Amundson (stepdaughter of Charles Brodine's sister) who is receiving hospice care.**
- **For those who are looking for housing.**
- **Janet Krasnican for general health and well-being.**
- Carol Butcher for healing and full recovery from back surgery.
- Joanie Friend for healing and full recovery from knee surgery and broken ankle (Joanie will have to be off her leg for two months).
- Jeff for healing and full recovery.
- John Gaffney for healing and full recovery from a fall (no broken bones).
- Daphne Mace (Melanie & Phil Mace's daughter) for health and total well-being.
- Sharon Griffith for health and total well-being.
- Helen Hobson for health and well-being.
- Margaret Liffiton (Bruce Liffiton's mother) for health and well-being.
- Stephanie (daughter of Cheryl Naulty & Walt Hill) for healing and full recovery.
- Eric, Gloria Androa, Debbie Bowis, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Frank Fowler, Donna Foley-Rennhack, Linda Harman, Jean Sutton, Phyllis Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, and Margaret and Kristine Yeager.

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

- Rebecca Slack (Sally Fowler's niece) who dealing with a serious heart malady.
- Rob Krueger (friend of Cheryl Naulty & Walt Hill).
- Amin Behr, Nora Casey, Ed Gray, Cynthia Hines, Scott Hagwood, Shannon, Kitty Morris, Piper Sutton, Elizabeth Ritter, Vi Ozone, and Leslie Patterson Werner.
- Barbara, Doug, Graydon & Jeanne, Jai, Jan, Kevin, Karl, Lauren, Patty, Rob, (Bridget Gray's mother), Shannonn (Charles Brodine's friend), Susan, Suzanne, and Violet.

**We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people are experiencing harm, war, and division.**

## 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), Lily Gallihue (tenor)

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### Smart Sacks

*Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service | Memorial Hall*

Join your BHPC friends immediately after worship to assemble food sacks. We deliver the Smart Sacks to schools that then distribute them to families who need supplemental food for the weekends. **Come join us! ALL AGES are welcome!**



### Flower Dedication

From David Hammers Jr., In memory of David Hammers.

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

Contact our Office Manager at [kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org), and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.

# Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship

**October 25** | Stewardship Sunday | New Members Joining |  
Preaching: Pastor David Gray

**November 1** | All Saints Sunday | Communion |  
Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

**November 8** | Dedication Sunday | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

**November 15** | Interfaith Sunday

**November 22** | Music Sunday

**November 29** | First Sunday of Advent | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

**December 6** | Second Sunday of Advent | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

**December 13** | Third Sunday of Advent | Lessons and Carols

**December 16** | Blue Christmas

**December 20** | Fourth Sunday of Advent | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

**December 24** | Christmas Eve Services | 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. services

**December 27** | One service at 10:30 a.m. | Preaching: Pastor David Gray



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