



WE BELONG HERE

STEWARDSHIP 2027



OCTOBER 25, 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.

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. The next new member class will be held Dec 13th. New members will join Dec 20th.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

One: Our joy comes from the heart of God,

All: who gives us minds to think and hearts to love.

One: Our grace comes from God's compassion,

All: who inspires us to faith.

One: Blessed be the Lord our God,

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 553

For the Fruit of All Creation

EAST ACKLAM

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Corrine Silva

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created us and love us and offer us forgiveness. Yet, we confess that though you claim us as your own, we are embarrassed to give of ourselves as you have given to us. Though you have named us friends, we have neglected our relationship with you. Though you have given your gifts to us, we too often fail to acknowledge what we have received. Reform and transform us. Make us good at giving. Grasp hold of us and give us the strength to love and to share with you and with each other. Hear us as we pray...

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

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

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.

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.



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.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

Elder Tamae Wong

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We Belong Here

David Gray

***HYMN 422**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

By Our Love

Mary McDonald

Brothers, let us come together, walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done.
We will come reaching out from our comforts, and they will know us by our love.
Sisters, we were made for kindness, we can pierce the darkness as God shines through us.
We will come reaching with a song of healing, and they will know us by our love!
The time is now: come, church, arise! Love with God's hands; see with God's eyes.
Bind it around you; let it never leave you, and they will know us by our love.
Children, you are hope for justice; stand firm in the truth now, set your hearts above.
You will be reaching long after we're gone, and they will know you by your love!

*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 555

Now Thank We All Our God

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DAY OF SERVICE

Rebekah Liu

BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Preview of November 1

Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall

10:30 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary & online

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab | All Saints Sunday | Communion

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

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, or you can drop it off at the Church office.

If you prefer not 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.



Connecting Our Community at BHPC

BHPC DAY OF SERVICE

TODAY, after the worship service, 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 Sacks ministry that provides much-needed food for children in Montgomery County schools. *Coffee hour will also be held in Memorial Hall this morning!*

Annual Coat Drive

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

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TODAY is the last day!

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



Adult Education

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

November 1 | Resilience: We will discuss how we can find resilience to cope with the challenges facing us in 2026. Venus Masselam, as moderator, will lead this panel composed of Susan Gibeson, Rob Bamberger, and Michael Gibson. Our panelists will share their perspectives and experiences, and explore the practical and personal ways we can strengthen our resilience when life doesn't go according to plan. Audience contributions are invited.





Interfaith WORSHIP & BRUNCH

Sunday, November 15, 2026

6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD

Interfaith Service | 10:30 a.m.
Brunch | 11:30 a.m.

Join members of three faith communities for worship, fellowship, and brunch as we celebrate our common spirit.

Brunch Registration

Adults | \$10

Ages 18 and under | Free



If cost is a concern, we're happy to help.
Email: icpc6601@gmail.com.

Please register by November 12.

****Electronic payment is available on site by credit card, Venmo or Zelle.**

Worship Partners

Bethesda Jewish Congregation
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center



Art Exhibit



Now - November 19 | Lounge

A *Radiant Path*, an extensive exhibit of oil, watercolor, and mixed media, is in the Lounge through 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 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 2022.

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



Scan the QR code to register.



Welcome New Members!

Mayra Caceres and her girls Seydi (12) and Lendy (15) have loved this church since they started coming. The girls enjoy being involved with BHPC; going on mission trips and participating in Vacation Bible School. Mayra grew up in a Christian household, so seeing her girls learn and appreciate God and the churches' love makes her so happy. She is thrilled to now be recognized as a BHPC member.



Meena Tharmaratnam came to the U.S. (Bethesda area) from her native India in 1993 with her two children Anya and Arnab. She worked at the International Finance Corporation in India and chose to follow her passion in art and design and started her small business/women's boutique in Rockville. She joins BHPC with a desire to give back to the community.

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.**

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations.

- **Congratulations to Liz Sobrino and staff at BH Nursery School on being selected Bethesda Magazine's 2026 Best Nursery School.**

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

- **Alvin Stenzel for health and well-being.**
- **Helen Hobson for peace and comfort during this sacred time of transition.**
- For those who are looking for housing.
- Carol Butcher for healing and full recovery from back surgery.
- Joanie Friend for healing and full recovery from knee surgery and broken ankle.
- 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.
- 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, Margaret Liffiton, Jean Sutton, Phyllis Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, and Margaret and Kristine Yeager.

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

- **Marianna Squier (Venus Masselam's friend's mother) who has pneumonia and daughter Susan.**
- Karin Amundson (stepdaughter of Charles Brodine's sister) who is receiving hospice care.
- Rebecca Slack (Sally Fowler's niece) who dealing with a serious heart malady.
- Amin Behr, Nora Casey, Ed Gray, Cynthia Hines, Scott Hagwood, Shannon, Rob Krueger, Kitty Morris, Piper Sutton, Elizabeth Ritter, Vi Ozone, and Leslie Patterson Werner.
- Barbara, Doug, Graydon & Jeanne, Jai, Jan, Kevin, Karl, Lauren, Patty, Rob, Shannon (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.

- Peace in the Middle East, and for the people of Iran, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Sudan, Palestine, South Korea, Syria, Israel, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia, and Venezuela.
- The welfare of our country; that those in authority lead with wisdom and integrity.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms.
- All those experiencing food and housing insecurity.
- The realization of the hope for an end to gun violence.
- Those recovering from addiction; those suffering from mental illness; those who are caregivers; and those traveling.

Our Staff

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



Flower Dedication

From Janet Williams, In loving memory of Bryan Williams.

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

Contact our Office Manager at kristen@bradleyhillschurch.org, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.

Worship Schedule

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

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 | 1:00 and 7:30 p.m. services

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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