



Bradley
Hills

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

OCTOBER 4, 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. Membership classes will be held **TODAY**, October 11 and 18th. New Members join October 25.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jong Lee

One: All around the world, Christians gather at table: some ornate, some simple, some in vast stadiums, others in small gatherings.

All: We gather to remember Jesus, who prayed that we would be one.

One: In every place, the table is set: some with simple bread, some with abundant piles, some with juice, others with the best of wine.

All: We gather to connect with the Holy Spirit, which helps make us one.

One: At this table today, we remember that all around the world, we are one and we rejoice.

All: We gather to worship God, who created all. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

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WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Feeding Families

Courtney Shea

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Denise Diaab

Merciful God, you are gracious and compassionate and we adore you. Although you made all people in your loving image, we confess that we live with deep divisions. We have built walls between neighbors and between countries, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Although you are one and the body of Christ is one, we fail to display that unity in our worship, our mission, and our fellowship. Forgive our pride and arrogance, heal our souls, and renew our vision, so we may live into the hope of your calling. We confess through Jesus Christ...

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 ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Club 3-4-5 will not have church school today, and are encouraged to stay in worship to participate in the sacrament of communion. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

So None are Lost

David Gray

***HYMN 513**

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

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

Here I Am, Lord

Lloyd Larson

*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.

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

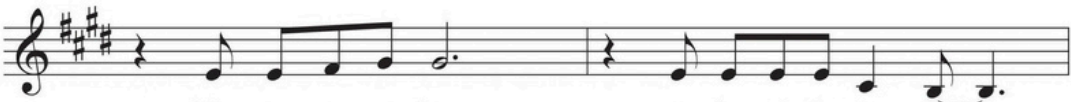
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

For Everyone Born



1.For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2.For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3.For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4.For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, _____ clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, _____ de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, _____ a part of the song,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head, and
for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com-

pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -

a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Preview of October 11
Join Us for Worship | 8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall
10:30 a.m. in-person & online

Baptism | Preaching: Dr. Jacqueline E. Lapsley

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



Connecting Our Community at *BHPC*

Recommendations

We Welcome Your Recommendations for Elder and Deacon

The Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations of persons to serve as Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members. Please contact Curt West or Pastor David for more info and to submit recommendations.

Next Steps Towards our Next Associate Pastor

We very much appreciate Pastor Denise serving as our Associate Pastor. As her ministry among us concludes next February, we now begin to look forward to calling a new Associate Pastor to continue our ministry. If you are interested in being considered to be part of that process, email david@bradleyhillchurch.org or PLM Chair Robert Rennhack at robert.rennhack@verizon.net.

UPCOMING BHPC EVENTS

Next Sunday at BHPC

Jacqueline Lapsley serves as the eighth President of Union Presbyterian Seminary which has campuses in Richmond, VA and Charlotte, NC. Before coming to Union in 2023 she served on the faculty at Princeton Theological Seminary for 25 years, ending her time there with a five-year stint as Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Jacq (pronounced like "Jack") earned her B.A. from Smith College, M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. from Emory University. She is the author or editor of numerous books, including *Whispering the Word: Hearing Women's Voices in the Old Testament* (2005); *A Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics* (2011); *A Women's Bible Commentary* (2012); and *Bible and Ethics in the Christian Life: A New Conversation* (2018). Jacq is married to the Rev. Greg Bezilla, an Episcopal priest; they have two adult children, a wildly energetic, badly behaved dog, and two imperious cats. She is a ruling elder in the PC(USA) and our 2026 Susan Andrews lecturer.



Adult Education

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

October 11 | Dr. Jacqueline Lapsley, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, distinguished Old Testament scholar, and former Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Princeton Theological Seminary will join us and to talk about the role of theological education in today's world. In addition to her academic titles, Jacq Lapsley is known for her wit, community, discernment and engagement.

October 18 | The Reverend Jermaine Ross-Allam, inaugural Director for the Center for Repair of Historic Harms, Presbyterian Mission PCUSA, will update us about the work of the center and churches through the PC USA to repair of historic harms as the national government has suppressed programs that address structural racism and poverty.

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.



Getting Connected and Exploring Membership Classes

**Classes will be held
October 4, 11 and 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

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.



Action Forum

TODAY | 11:45 a.m. in Memorial Hall

Join the BHPC Action Forum in nonpartisan, civic participation activities to enable all eligible voters, regardless of party affiliation, to cast their ballots in November. Join us after worship (11:45-1:00 p.m.) in Memorial Hall for a postcard-stamping party to reach out to voters!



Alleluia Singers

Ages 4-3rd grade

11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
starting Oct 4.



Lantern Choral

4th-8th grade

5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
each Thursday



Baby and Me Playgroup

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Crib Room

Calling parents and little ones newborn-3 years in our community! Come join us for developmentally appropriate, child-led play with music, dance and stories!



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 for a snack, followed by fun and fellowship outside. See you there!



Rake Leaves



Weeding

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



Bradley Hills Presents - The Whiffenpoofs of Yale

Saturday, October 17 | 7:30 pm

Bradley Hills Presents is excited to kick off our 2026-27 season with the return of The Whiffenpoofs, one of the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella groups. The "Whiffs" sing a mixture of old Yale tunes, jazz standards, and other hits from across the decades, including pieces arranged by members of the ensemble. Recent Whiffenpoof performance venues have included Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House, the Rose Bowl, and Lincoln Center.



**Scan the QR
code to
purchase
tickets.**

Community Piano Concert

Saturday, October 10 | 7:30 p.m.



Virtuoso pianist and composer James Behr will perform selections by Debussy, Schumann, Chopin, as well as some original works. James has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Tanglewood, and with several orchestras. He is a graduate of Juilliard and Northwestern University.

Abrahamic Faiths: The Conversation Continues

Wednesday, October 14 | 7:30 p.m. in Covenant Hall

The Inter Congregational Partnership Committee (ICPC) presents Abrahamic Faiths, the Conversation Continues, featuring Dr. Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, MIIIC, Rabbi Eric Abbott, BJC, and Pastor David Gray, BHPC.

The clergy will discuss how the core tenets of each religious tradition influence how we instruct and nurture our children in faith and other practices of each congregation. **Scan the QR code to attend in person or on Zoom.**



Seeking Involvement with the BHPC Nursery School

Since 1957, the BHPC Nursery School has served families in the broader community with high quality, play based early childhood education. Many BHPC families have found our preschool a wonderful place for their family. As the school is a mission of the church, we are seeking church members who may be interested in school governance, board membership or serving in school leadership searches. For more info or to express interest, email George Petrides Jr. at gpetridesjr@gmail.com or David Gray at david@bradleyhillchurch.org

MISSIONS AT BHPC

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Coat Drive

SUNDAYS

September 27–October 25

Give the gift of warmth!

BHPC is supporting families with kids at Arcola Elementary School and Wider Circle through our annual coat drive! Here's how you can help:

1. Volunteer to help run the coat drive on Sunday mornings. Set up, sales, and packing assistance is needed. Email Bob Reutershan at soshikins@aol.com if you're interested.
2. Provide a coat | Purchase the coat you have chosen and bring it during Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service to the Coat Drive Table in the Gathering Space on October 11 and 18 or in Memorial Hall on October 25. If you are not comfortable using the Sign Up Genius, the volunteers at the Coat Drive Table will help you select a coat to purchase on October 11 or 18. All coats must be received by October 25.
3. Support the Coat Drive by making a financial donation on Realm. If we have funds in excess of those needed for the coats going to Arcola, we will provide those funds to A Wider Circle to be used to provide coats for individuals in the Wider Circle community.

Purchase a coat:



**Make a donation
(select coat drive
under FUND):**



Smart Sacks

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service | Lounge

Welcome back to Smart Sacks! It's time to 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!



Offering to Support Hospital in Gaza

BHPC will collect our denomination's annual Peace and Global Witness offering, renamed World Communion Offering, between now and October 20. 25% of the funds collected is given to an organization chosen by BHPC and 75% is used by our denomination for ministries of peace, reconciliation, and justice.

This year, BHPC is choosing Al Ahli Arab Hospital (Ahli) in Gaza City to be the recipient of our designated funds.

We have confirmed that the hospital is continuing to respond to the enormous healthcare needs in Gaza under incredible strain and shortages. Ahli is a 50-bed hospital and continues to receive 150-200 patients in the emergency department alone every day. Currently they are seeing around 10,000 patients per month. Funds raised for Ahli will help them keep their doors open to all in need and allow staff to continue providing critical services to people in Gaza under the brutal circumstances.

To give online, go to BHPC's website, press the "Give Now" button, and select the World Communion Offering "Formerly Peace & Global Witness Offering" fund option. If giving by check, please write "WCO" in the memo line and mail your check to the church or place it in the offering plate between now and October 20th.



A Stewardship Note

In this traditional time of harvest, we thank all our members and friends who share their abundant blessings with Bradley Hills by giving generously to support the programs of the church.

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

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 whose graveside service will be held October 8, at Parklawn Cemetery in Silver Spring at 10:00 a.m..**
- **The family of Cynthia Bell (Joan & Steve Burns' daughter-in-law's mother) whose service will be October 3 in California.**
- **Agnes Dover (Linda Kauskay's friend) whose husband Jack died September 26.**
- **The family of Billy Magro (Janelle MacLean's co-worker's husband) who died September 26.**
- The family of Joyce Shoemaker Hunt (Carl Hunt's wife) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 1:00 p.m., 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:

- **John Gaffney who is recovering from knee injury due to a fall (no broken bones).**
- Margaret Liffiton (Bruce Liffiton's mother) for health and well-being.
- Stephanie (daughter of Cheryl Naulty & Walt Hill) for healing and full recovery.
- 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.
- Christopher, Eric, Gloria Androa, Debbie Bowis, Ed Everitt, Ben Flowe, Peg Flowe, Frank Fowler, Donna Foley-Rennhack, Sharon Griffith, Linda Harman, Helen Hobson, Jean Sutton, Phyllis Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, Greg Urban, Jeff Williams, 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).**
- **Nora Casey (Charles Brodine's friend's mother) who was diagnosed with terminal cancer.**
- Shannon (Bridget Gray's mother) for health and well-being.
- Amin Behr, Ed Gray, Cynthia Hines, Scott Hagwood, Lee Family, Kitty Morris, Piper Sutton, Elizabeth Ritter, Vi Ozone, and Leslie Patterson Werner.
- Barbara, Doug, Graydon & Jeanne, Jai, Jan, Kevin, Karl, Lauren, Patty, Rob, Shannon (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 war, hurt, and division.

- An end to the war with Iran and a just and lasting peace in the Middle East..
- For all those being held in detention centers in unhealthy conditions.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms as we stand in solidarity with our Muslim, Jewish, and LGBTQ+ siblings.
- All those experiencing food and housing insecurity.

Our Staff

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

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

October 11 | Baptism | Preaching: Dr. Jacqueline E. Lapsley, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary

October 18 | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

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



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