Bradley Hills
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.



WE BELONG HERE

Held together in faith, love, and service.

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STEWARDSHIP 2027

As I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
John 13:24

A Message from Pastor David



Dear Friends,

In our pew Bible, we read that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" (1 Cor. 3:23). Paul was speaking into a divided world to remind the church that their deepest identity was to God. They belonged to Christ, and their shared belonging made them one. Belonging to Christ gave them both a home and a calling.

That truth stands at the heart of our stewardship theme this year: "We Belong Here." We belong at Bradley Hills because Christ has gathered us to worship, grow, educate, care, and share. Here we find friendship, support, purpose, and a community that walks with us through joy, grief, and change.

We are blessed to be part of a congregation where all are welcome, differences are valued, and people with diverse backgrounds, identities, experiences, ideologies, and perspectives can find a spiritual home. Each person is made in God's image. Each person matters. Each person has gifts to share. Our differences do not diminish our belonging; they deepen and strengthen our common life.

This year, we have an opportunity to do even more. The success of our Here for Good campaign strengthens BHPC for the long term and helps place our church on a sustainable foundation. It also changes our short-term conversation by creating opportunities to undertake new ministry through our 2027 budget.

Last year, Session concentrated on two priorities from our strategic plan: Steward and Celebrate. We strengthened our future through the capital campaign and invested in our worship by calling a new Director of Music. Now we believe God is calling us to focus more intentionally on our three additional priorities: Connect, Nurture, and Serve.

We hope to strengthen our staff. We have an opportunity to ensure we have the staff needed to connect with more people, nurture more children, youth, families, and adults deeply, and provide needed pastoral care.

Secondly, we hope to expand our mission. We can do more through ministries of compassion, justice, service, and healing. We can reach beyond our walls, respond to a broken and hurting world, and help more people discover that they, too, belong within God's love.

Our capital campaign strengthens our foundation, but our annual pledges sustain the people, programs, worship, care, and mission that bring our church to life each day. Your financial pledge to our 2027 annual stewardship campaign will directly affect what BHPC can do and whom we can serve.

In our communion order, when we proclaim that these are "the gifts of God, given for all," and the congregation responds, "For all," we make a profound theological affirmation: that God's grace is not reserved for a few. God's love is for all. We are affirming that we all belong here. Please prayerfully consider joining me in making a financial commitment to Bradley Hills for 2027. Together, we can build a church where all know they belong—and carry that transforming promise into the world.

Thank you for supporting God's work here at BHPC.

See you at church.

In Christ's love,

David

God has shown you, O mortal,
what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your God
–Micah 6:8

Sources of the Church's Income: The Importance of Pledging

Because pledges account for 73% of the Church's income, it is vital that all of us pledge what we expect to give in the coming year. The Finance Lay Ministry and Bradley Hills' Session need to know how much income they can expect when they develop the church's budget. Pledges are the way that we, the members and friends of the church, give them that information.

From everyone who has given much, much will be demanded: and then the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.
–Luke 12:48

80% from Giving

- 73% Pledged
- 7% Unpledged

17% from Building Users

- 10% Nursery School
- 7% Partner Congregations & Other Users



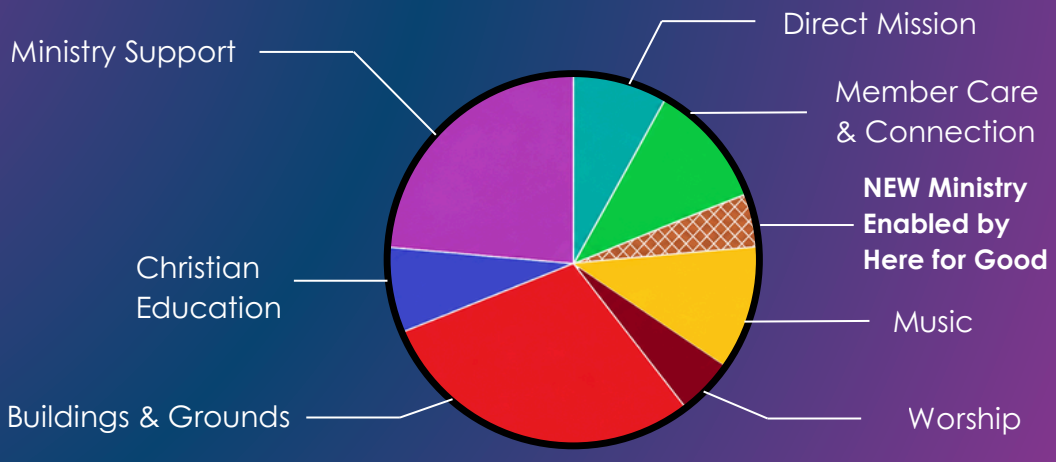
3% from Investments & Other Income

Pledges are the foundation of our ministries.



Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.
– 1 Peter 4:8

How Are Your Pledged Gifts Used?



Note: Staff salaries are allocated to each of the areas above.

We Belong Here

As individuals and as families, we have a place at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. We belong. The support and care we find in our church leaders and in each other assures us of being a part of something wonderful. We participate in so many things that bind our ties to each other.

As people and as a church, we belong to something bigger than ourselves. We find the strength to help others outside our own congregation. Service to others through our Mission goals, both local and far away, make the entire world a better place.

As an organization to which we belong, we have the opportunity to stand publicly for what we believe, not just religiously, but in all of society's conflicts. We may not all believe the exact same things, but we honor our differences and encourage each other to make our views clear. We belong not just to a church but to the entire world.





Belonging at BHPC

You belong here at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church! In a world that sometimes seems divided and distant, BHPC is a magnet that pulls us closer together to God and each other. But what does it mean that we – individually, as families, and as a church – belong here?

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another, if any of you has grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And for all these virtues put on love, which binds them all in perfect unity.
Colossians 3 12-24

Worship: We Belong to God

We come together on Sundays and throughout each week to celebrate and strengthen our relationship with God. Through our worship at BHPC, we are reminded that God loves and accepts us as we are and calls us to be part of the body of Christ. We are invited to take ownership of the work of BHPC through the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure.







Community: We Belong to Each Other

Person to person, family to family, pastor to congregation - the threads that connect us weave together a fabric that is inclusive, supportive, and strong. Longtime members reach out to new members in welcome. Teachers reach out to those wanting to learn. We thank God for each other's joys, we pray for our sick, we grieve the departed. We are there for each other in so many ways.







Service: We Belong to The World

We recognize that God's saving grace joins us together in a way that transcends the divisiveness of the world and connects us to all God's people. Through our mission programs, both local and far away, we reach a hand out to people to let them know that God's circle of belonging includes them too.



In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of Jesus, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35

How Much Do People at Bradley Hills Give?

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace.
– 1 Peter 10

Amount	# of Pledges	% of Total Pledges	Pledge $ for this Range	% of Total Pledge $
$1 - $999	33	16%	$16,612	1%
$1,000 - $2,999	62	29%	$111,691	9%
$3,000 - $4,999	39	18%	$145,260	11%
$5,000 - $9,999	37	18%	$235,730	18%
$10,000 - $19,999	29	14%	$375,187	29%
$20,000+	11	5%	$426,020	32%
Total	**211**	**100%**	**$1,310,500**	**100%**

Summary: For 2026, BHPC received 211 pledges for a total of $1,310,500.

- 134 pledges (64% of the total) represented 21% of the pledged total amount.
- Only 40 pledges (19% of the total) represented 61% of the pledged total amount.

Will You Step Up?







How Much Should You Give?

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
– 2 Corinthians 9:7

Growth Giving

If you are not yet tithing to BHPC, try **"growth giving"**: Increase your giving by 1% of your income each year. The **QR code to the right** links to a table on BHPC's website with examples that can help you step up your contributions through growth giving. If everyone stepped up their pledges, even by small amounts, the additional pledged income could allow us to expand our ministries to the congregation or to increase the amount we contribute to missions.

Pledge to BHPC What You Can Commit to in Advance

- If your **income is variable**, base your pledge on a conservative estimate. Then, if your 2027 income exceeds that estimate, make an additional gift at year-end.
- If you are on a **fixed income**, set aside what you need for known expenses, add a contingency for unexpected needs, and pledge part of the remainder.
- If you have been **blessed financially** and can pledge more of your 2027 income to BHPC as part of your charitable giving, consider increasing your pledge.



The more I think about it, the more I wonder if God and neighbor are somehow One. "Loving God, Loving Neighbor" - the same thing? For me, coming to recognize that God loves every neighbor is the ultimate appreciation! Feeling good about ourselves is essential to being able to love others.

– Fred Rogers



How Can I Pledge? Three Ways

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
– John 15:16

1. Paper Commitment Card



Bring Your Commitment Card to Church

Drop it in the offering plate
Bring it to the church office
Or mail your card to the church

2. Mobile Pledging

Use the Realm Connect App

Go to "Giving"
Select "Pledges"

Need Help with Realm?
Contact the Church Office
(301) 365-2850

3. Online Pledging

Login or Sign-Up for a Realm Account

Go to onrealm.org/BradleyHillsChurch/SignIn

Make Your Pledge

Click on "Giving" on the left menu
Click the "Pledge" tab and enter your pledge info
Click "Save Pledge"

Continue On to Make a Recurring Gift (if desired)

Set up your pledge through the steps above
Click "Save & Set-Up Online Gift"
Enter Info, Amount, and select Frequency
Click "Give"

Thank You
for your support!