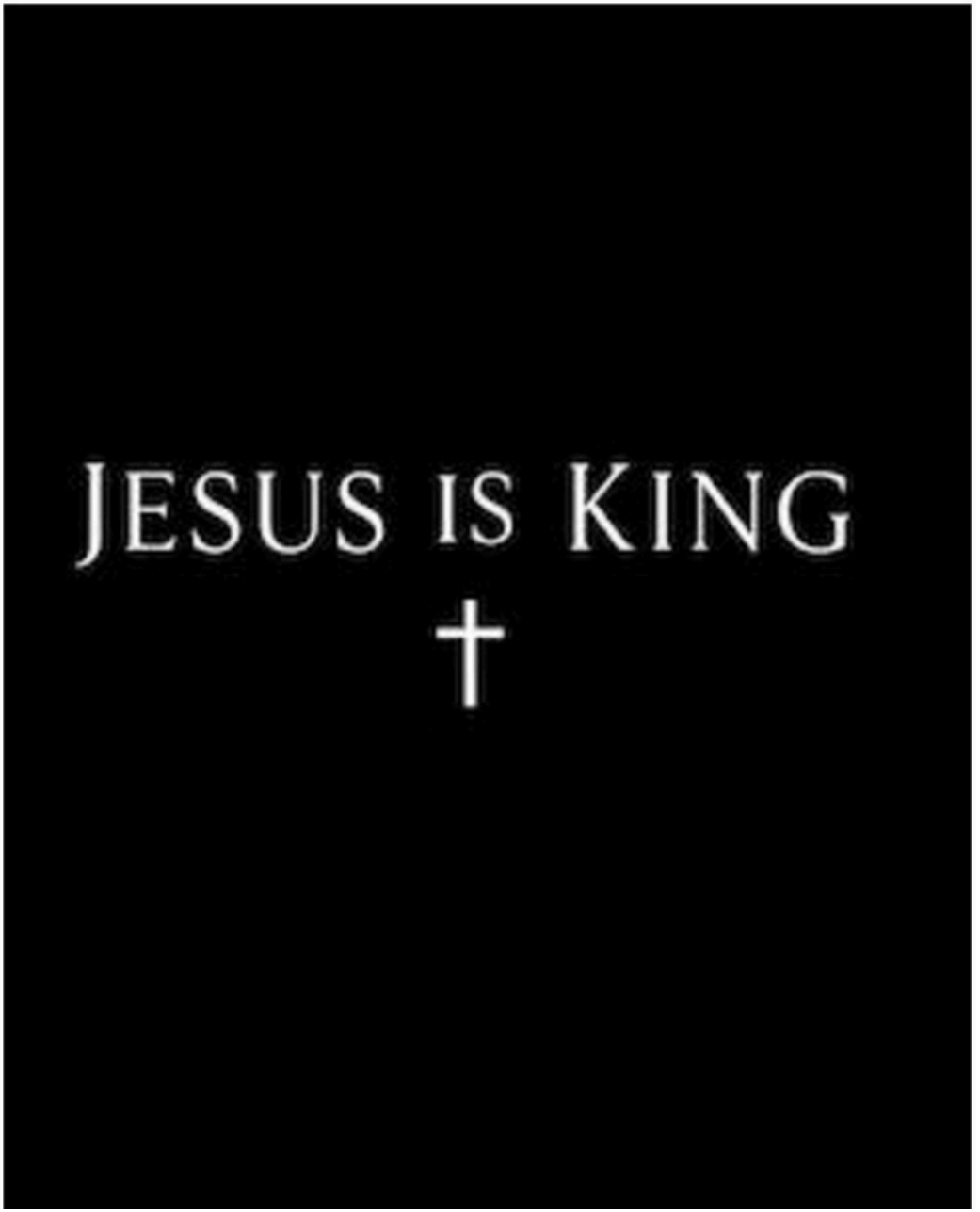


Bradley Hills
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
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.bradleyhillschurch.org.

In Christ's hope,
David Gray, Senior Pastor |
david@bradleyhillschurch.org

All are welcome here.

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 December 13th. New members will join December 20th.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC Annabel Hunter
Trio Julius Reubke

CALL TO WORSHIP Club 3-4-5 Church School Class Members

3-4-5: Christ is our King.
All: Jesus reigns with love, not by power.
3-4-5: Jesus is the Shepherd of our hearts.
All: He is the hope of the world. Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN 142**
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED Pastor Denise Diaab

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Bonnie Holcomb

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have sung with joy. We have proclaimed Christ our King. Now, before we do anything else, let us be still. The world pulls us away from God. Let us confess before the one who calls us by name and who offers us grace. Let us 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.

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

***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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Verses from Ezekiel 34 and John 10

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Day of Peace C.H.H. Parry, arr. R. Powell

O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams
Guide us to justice, truth and love
Delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands
Our hearts from envy find release
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb
Nor shall the fierce devour the small
As beasts and cattle calmly graze
A little child shall lead them all
Then enemies shall learn to love
All creatures find their true accord
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled
For all the earth shall know the Lord

(William Blake)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Verses from Colossians 1:15-23

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus
ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, et f ilii
Sion exsultent in rege suo.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his
praise in the congregation of saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let
the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

(Psalm 149: 1 - 2)

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:11

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION Denise Diaab

***HYMN 387**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH - FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

We believe in the triune God, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS, TITHES AND PLEDGES

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

King of Glory, King of Peace — David Charles Walker, arr. R. Brewer

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou has granted my request,
thou has heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

***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:	**Response for Celebrations:**
One: Lord, in your mercy,	One: With thanksgiving,
All: Hear our prayers.	**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 371**

Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC Sonya Sutton

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing Emma Lou Diemer

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Connecting Our Community at BHPC

Preview of November 29

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

8:30 a.m. | A more casual service in Covenant Hall
9:15 a.m. | No Adult Ed this week
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 in the Gathering Space



CHRISTMAS TREE *Lighting*

November 29
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Carols in the sanctuary, followed by an outside tree lighting and hot cocoa.

Christmas AT BRADLEY HILLS

Take Your Soul for a Stroll
BHPC Annual Labyrinth Walk



November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
Meet at the Labyrinth on the Grass
11:45 A.M. - Following Worship

Walking a labyrinth is an ancient practice that offers a unique form of "prayer in motion." Come experience this ancient tool for awareness and spiritual connection as a doorway to the Advent Season. We walk the labyrinth as a faith community on First Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year, to give thanks for the blessings of the past year and to invite God's guidance for the year ahead.

Everyone Welcome -
No Labyrinth Experience Needed

Christmas AT BRADLEY HILLS

Advent Midday Prayer Pause

When the morning's rush gives way to the afternoon slump, take a refreshing pause. Reset your heart, realign your mind, and draw on God's strength for the rest of the day.

Join Us

Time | 12:00 - 12:15 p.m.
Days | Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Dates | November 30–December 23

Join on Zoom
Meeting ID: 894 3723 5293
Passcode: 485196

Christmas AT BRADLEY HILLS



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FAMILY CONNECTIONS LUNCH & Advent Workshop

December 6
12:00-1:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us in Memorial Hall following worship for lunch, crafts and fellowship.



BHPC SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS

MISSION TRIP | JUNE 20-27

MONTREAT | JULY 10-17

MASSANETTA | JULY 8-11



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

Questions? Reach out to Rosanna at rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org

SIGN-UPS OPEN NOW!

Missions at BHPC

Angel Gift Tree

GIFTS DUE BY DECEMBER 6

This year, we will be providing gifts to recipients served by 3 of our mission partners. **The Women's Collective** offers essential services to women in the DC area who are living with HIV/AIDS. We receive roughly 70 names of children in these families. When you select and shop for one or more children, you are helping these mothers and grandmothers bring joy on Christmas Day.

We are providing gifts to some of the patients served by **Dennis Avenue Health Department's HIV/AIDS clinic** in Silver Spring. The clinic provides names of senior citizen patients who are mostly in need of gift cards. We also offer names of children whose parents are patients in the clinic. These folks are our Montgomery County neighbors. Many are immigrants who have been living with heightened fear in 2025 and 2026.

Our third group of recipients are familiar to many of you. We partner with Faith Presbyterian to give gifts to 25 children from **Patterson Elementary School**. The school is in the neighborhood served by the Feeding Families program, where several of our members go to distribute groceries alongside our friends from Faith.

Important Save the Dates

- **You must select your name/s in person in Covenant Hall on the following Sundays: November 22 and November 29**
- **You are invited to join us for a wrapping party on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.**
- Beginning on **Sunday, November 22**, color coded tables will be set up in south transept in the sanctuary to receive WRAPPED and LABELED gifts.
- ALL GIFTS ARE DUE BY **Sunday morning, December 6**.

This is a wonderful family activity. We hope you join!



Feeding Families 2027 Sign-Up's

BHPC is proud to support Faith Presbyterian Church's monthly "Feeding Families" project. 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.



Smart Sacks

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

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.

Mission Lay Ministry Needs Volunteers to Continue Olive Oil Ministry



For 15 years, Bradley Hills has sponsored an Olive Oil Ministry to support Palestinian farmers and their families. As a result of this ministry, we and the other participants have generated over $650,000 in sales.

The principal beneficiary has been Tent of Nations **www.tentofnations.org**, an organic farm near Bethlehem owned by the Nassar family since 1916. They have used our donations to plant or replant trees after Israeli destruction, care for their orchards and olive trees, purchase equipment, and support the Women's Education Center and summer youth camps.

Part of the purchase is a show of solidarity for Palestinian farmers who are under direct attack in the West Bank. The other part of the purchase is that this is a fair trade, organic, West Bank ancient olive tree product that supports nonviolent resistance. It's a gift which substitutes nicely for wine as a hostess gift and is welcome at the holidays.

If you are interested in helping to keep the Olive Oil ministry alive, please reach out to Una Song unasong@gmail.com or Brigitte Burgett bkburgett@gmail.com. We are hoping to recruit several people to make the administration of this important ministry easier to manage. The expectation is that volunteers would choose one or two Sunday between Thanksgiving and New Year to help promote the ministry, take orders, collect payment and distribute olive oil and other products (olive oil soap and tapenade).



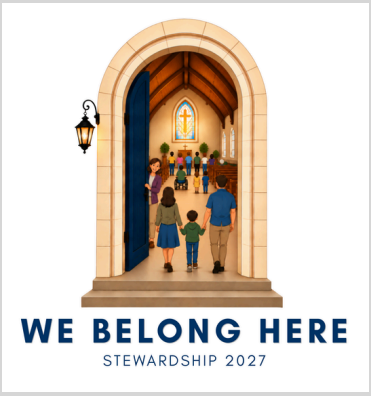
Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 6 following the 10:30 a.m. service | Sanctuary and the live-stream

There will be a special meeting of the congregation meeting after worship on Sunday December 6 to elect new elders and deacons and to elect our new Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Nominees are:

Elder: Bill Edelblut, Ben Franklin, Joan Burns, Abby Imus, Tracy Rankin (to fulfill a 2 year term) and Ellie Gray (youth)
Deacon: John Buchman, Tom Vanderslice, Annie Awanohara, Bie Fox (to fulfill a 2 year term) Cameron Gray and Lendy Mejia (youth)
AP Nominating Committee: Tracy Rankin, Susan Vanderver, Ed Hummers, Stacey Milne Jan Kang, Joel Fickett, John Shea, Jennifer Kline, Cathie Lutter



A Stewardship Note

This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving. But it is never too early to thank God for all the blessings that God has given us, and it is never too early to give back to God a portion of those blessings to support the work of Christ through Bradley Hills. We give thanks for your past gifts and for your pledges of gifts for the coming year.

And if you have not yet pledged what you expect to give in 2027, it is not too late. You can submit your pledge on Realm (look for "Stewardship 2027" on homepage of the BHPC website), by email to jan@bradleyhillschurch.org, by regular mail, by placing it in the the offering plate during worship, or by dropping it off at the church office.

Thanksgiving is time to pause and give thanks for our many blessings. **BHPCNS is thankful for all that BHPC does to make our school so successful.** For 69 years, BHPC has embraced the nursery school as a mission of the church. Thank you to David, Denise, and Rosanna for your leadership and creating such a welcoming community for the children of BHPCNS and including BHPCNS families in the children and family programs at BHPC. Thank you to Farid and the sextons for keeping the building operational, safe and clean. Thank you to Kristen and Jan for helping us schedule and keep our finances in line. And thank you to our nursery school board, chaired by Andrew Martel for his leadership throughout the year. We are truly thankful to everyone at BHPC!



Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- **The family of Joan Paschal whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m., November 29.**
- 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.

- **A very meaningful Interfaith Service and Brunch. Much gratitude to ICPC for organizing the brunch, Bill Edelblut for the delicious food, and everyone who contributed to making the wonderful fellowship possible.**

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

- **Charles Brodine for healing and complete recovery for back pain.**
- Joanie Friend for healing and complete recovery.
- Jeff for healing and full recovery.
- Carol Butcher for healing and full recovery from back surgery.
- Daphne Mace (Melanie & Phil Mace's daughter) for health and total well-being.
- Eric, Gloria Androa, Debbie Bowis, Ed Everitt, Peg Flow, Frank Fowler, Lynda Harman, Jean Sutton, Phyllis Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, and Margaret and Kristine Yeager.

We pray for those being treated for cancer including:

- **Someone dear to Carol Dorsey who is being treated for breast cancer.**
- Karin Amundson (stepdaughter of Charles Brodine's sister) who is receiving hospice care.
- Sharon Griffith for healing and well-being.
- Cynthia Hines (Betsy Scrogg's cousin-in-law) who has lung cancer and prayers for her daughter Laura who helps provide care for Cynthia.

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

- Ed (David's father) for healing and shalom (total well-being).
- Virginia (David's mother) for shalom (total well-being.
- Anaiya (friend of Jennifer Kline) nineteen-year-old young woman diagnosed with advanced congestive heart failure.
- **Bill Squier (Venus Masselam's friend's father) for healing for illness.**
- Maurice (friend of Elaine Hunt) for healing and relief from back pain resulting from injury.
- Marianna Squier (Venus Masselam's friend's mother) who has pneumonia and daughter Susan for strength and well-being.
- Amin Behr, Megan Casey, Jan Hagwood, Scott Hagwood, Rob Krueger, Kitty Morris, Vi Ozone, Sally Slack, Leslie Patterson Werner, and Elizabeth Ritter.
- Barbara, Doug, Edgar and his wife, Graydon & Jeanne, Kevin, Karl, Patty, 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.

Connect | Celebrate | Nurture | Serve | Steward

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Be Careful of Scammers Pretending to be Church Staff

If you receive an email at anytime from someone pretending to be staff asking you to purchase gift cards, please delete that spam email. We are so sorry! Scammers frequently try this with religious institutions of all kinds - emailing folks asking for something like a favor involving gift cards. Church staff will never ask you to purchase gift cards for them. If the email is being sent from a non-church email account and makes an unusual request like purchasing gifts cards, know that it is NOT real. If you have any doubts or questions, be cautious and email a church staff member directly to check or call the church office.

A Special Note

David is traveling today but will be in the office tomorrow.



Flower Dedication

From Laraine Balk Hope, with thanksgiving and in loving memory of her parents, Alfred and Phyllis Balk.

Worship Schedule

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

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

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

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

January 3 | Epiphany | Communion | Preaching: Pastor David Gray

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