

Bradley Hills
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EMBRACING JOURNEYS. ENGAGING FAITH.

NOVEMBER 8, 2026
DEDICATION 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
Liebster Jesu, wir Sind hier Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Matt Brown

One: Thanks be to God,
All: Who calls us together.
One: Jesus calls us to be friends.
All: And to bring our hopes, our fears, our dreams, our dedication to Christ's church. Let us worship God.

***HYMN 414**
As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED Pastor David Gray

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Pledge Tank BHPC Chancel Players
Bill Perry, Jean Dudek, Andrew Martel and Tracy Rankin

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION Pastor Denise Diaab

Gracious God, you are always true to us in love. Yet we know we are left wanting to say sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish and share your gifts. O God, enable us to change, that we may dedicate ourselves to you…

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 John 15:9-17

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON A Church of Spiritual Friends David Gray

***HYMN 438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

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.

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS - INVITATIONS FOR PLEDGES, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***SHARING OUR COMMITMENTS**

Come forward in body or spirit and make a pledge or lift up a prayer of commitment. You may also pledge online.

Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate or basket, make a pledge through Giving Now or under the Stewardship section of the website. As we make our offerings, guests are encouraged to fill out the Visitor Card or the fellowship pads in the pews; 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need — Arr. Mack Wilberg

***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.

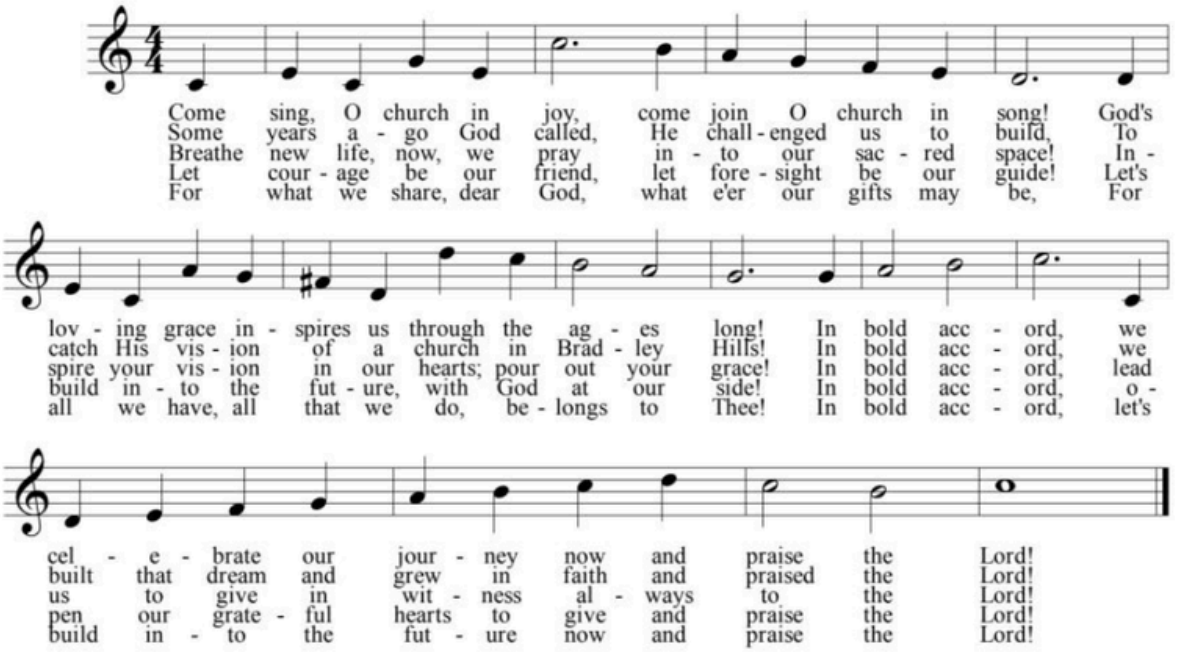
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 430** Words by Susan Bowis

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH



***BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC Sonya Sutton

Schübler Chorale, 646 J.S. Bach

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Connecting Our Community at BHPC

Preview of November 15

Join Us for Worship
8:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall (Traditional Christian Worship - Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab)
10:30 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary & online (Interfaith Service)

8:30 a.m. | A more casual service in Covenant Hall
9:15 a.m. | No Adult Ed this week
10:30 a.m. | Interfaith Service
11:30 a.m. | Interfaith Brunch



Thank You

A big thank you to Annabel Hunter for providing our organ music and Sonya Sutton for leading the Chancel Choir during November.



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

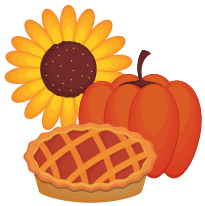
Please register by November 12.

**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



We need help with set-up and clean-up for the Interfaith Brunch.

Scan the QR code to sign up.

INTERFAITH YOUTH GROUP

Lunch | Thanksgiving Service Project | Games

The Inter-Congregational Partnership
6601 Bradley Blvd.

Saturday, November 14
1:30–4:00 PM
Memorial Hall

RSVP

School-age kids 9 and up, Middle and high schoolers from Bradley Hills Presbyterian, Bethesda Jewish Congregation, and MIIC will come together for food, fellowship and service. We will be assembling 60 Thanksgiving baskets to deliver the following week to Anacostia, making crafts and cards to include in the baskets, and setting up the additional donations for assembly on Interfaith Sunday.

SSL hours are available.



THE YOUTH OF THE INTER-CONGREGATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We would love your help in providing Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED
through NOV 15

- Canned Gravy
- Any Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Canned Corn
- Box of Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Corn Bread Mix
- Cake Mix w/ Frosting
- Cans of Soup
- White Rice
- Canned Yams
- Mashed Potatoes
- Mac and Cheese
- Halloween Candy

Pick up a shopping list and grocery bag outside Rosanna's office or in the Gathering Space

DROP OFF LOCATION
Memorial Hall and other locations around 6601 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, MD

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email Rosanna Howard
rosanna@bradleyhiillschurch.org

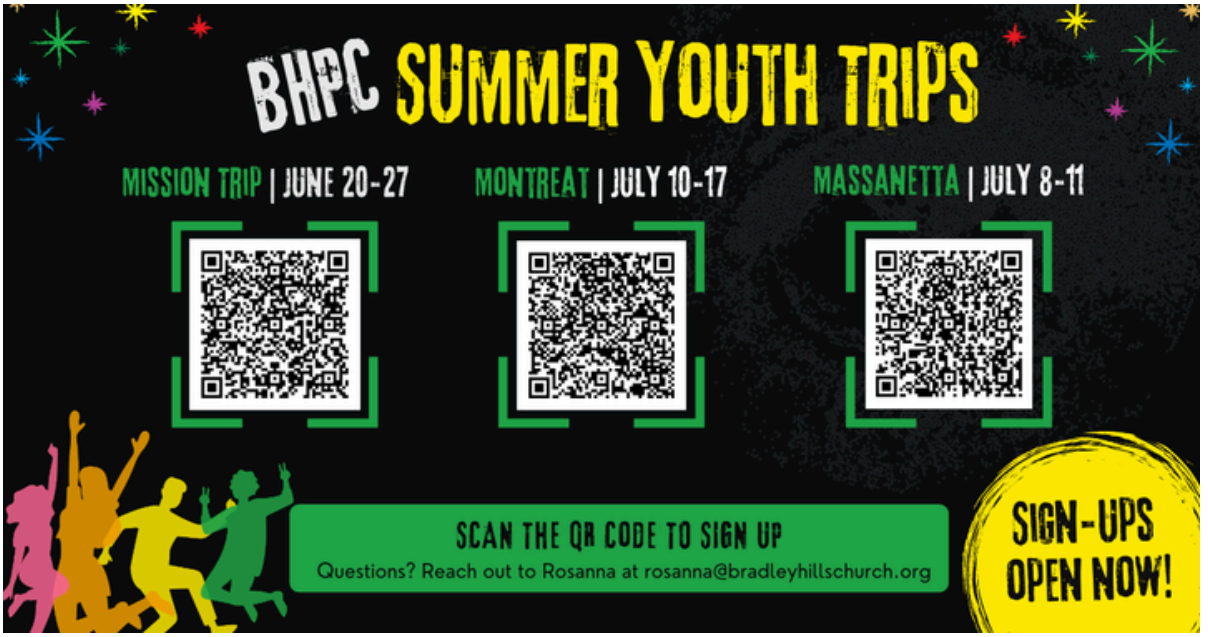
Winter Retreat Registration

Calling all middle and high schoolers! National Capital Presbytery is hosting a joint Winter Retreat at Massanetta over MLK weekend with options for skiing, snowboarding or indoor water park. For the past five years, local area Presbyterian Churches have gathered their youth for a Winter Retreat to Massanetta Springs and Massanutten Resort. The weekend features small groups, snowboarding, skiing, tubing, an indoor waterpark, all camp winter games, and more!

Registration is open through November 15.

Reach out to Rosanna for more infomation.



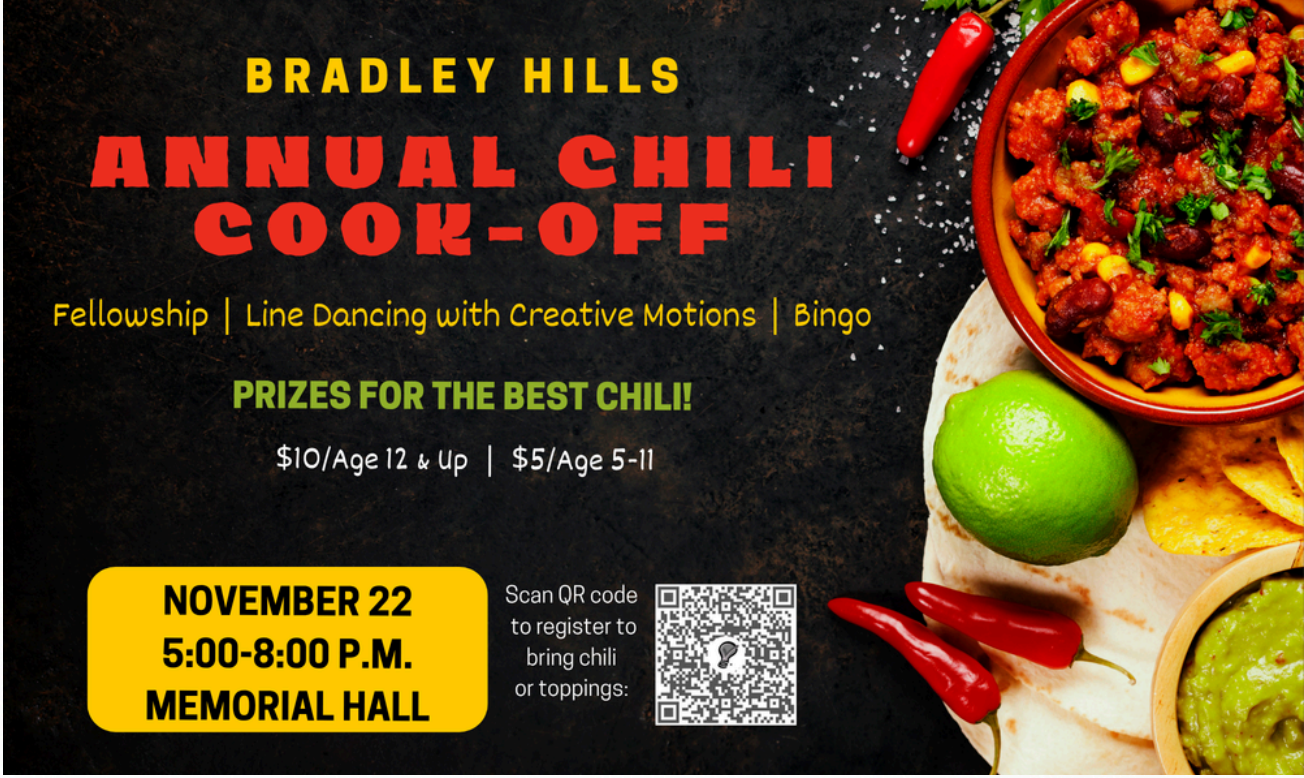




Baby and Me Playgroup

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

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



Art Exhibit



Now - November 19 | Lounge

A Radiant Path, an exhibit of oil, watercolor, and mixed media, celebrates the spiritual resonance and joyful beauty of fleeting moments. It will be in the Lounge through November 19.

You are invited to the Artist's Reception TODAY, November 8, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. The exhibit reflects Carol's development and emergence as an artist and the role that the Bradley Hills Community has played in supporting her spiritual and artistic growth.

Adult Education



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

November 15 | Interfaith Sunday - Adult Education will not meet

November 22 | Representatives from the New Neighbor Alliance (NNIA) will introduce us to the organization's mission, history, and ongoing efforts to support immigrant families in Montgomery County. They will share both the rewards and challenges of this important work, carried out by volunteers from nearly 40 member organizations, including Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. The presentation will also highlight opportunities for additional volunteers to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our immigrant neighbors.

Missions at BHPC

Angel Gift Tree

Begins November 8 | ALL 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 8, 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!



Alternative Giving | Investing in Justice for 2027 and Beyond

We continue to have faith that our God will always help us lean in toward justice. 2026 has been a year of instability for many, especially for the most marginalized across our world. As Alternative Giving opportunities are offered for Advent 2026 (**Nov 22 through December 31**), decide to invest in choices that allow for relationships near and far to be knitted together in support of God's justice for all.



Smart Sacks

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

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.

A Stewardship Note

Today is Dedication Sunday when we bring our 2027 pledges to God's altar. As we have received God's abundant blessings, we are called upon to give abundantly to our church, where we all belong to God, to each other, and to the world. "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." I Peter 4:10

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving	Text Giving	Mobile Giving	Realm Giving
6601 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, MD 20817	Text "BHPC" to 73256	Download the Realm Connect App	Access the Bradley Hills Giving page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org
Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Priority Admission to one of Bethesda's best preschools for BHPC Members!

Did you know that BHPC members receive priority admission to BHPCNS? BHPCNS is a play-based nursery school located right here on the BHPC campus. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 come to BHPCNS to play, grow, and learn. Our terrific staff of teachers make each day fun, educational, and exciting. Not only are children exposed to developmentally age-appropriate concepts; we also support each child's unique social-emotional development. To have your child join our program, call for a tour, 301-365-2909 or check our website, www.bhpcns.org for more information.

Friends Club has openings!



Friends Club (a ministry of BHPC) brings together active gentlemen in the early-to-mid stages of memory loss in a caring, safe, fun, and secure environment. They meet M/W/Th, 9:30-1:30 p.m. at BHPC. The program enriches participants' lives by engaging in active discussions and other activities which bring joy and laughter to the members and much needed respite for their caregivers.

For more information - **call** Ken Silverstein, Executive Director at 301-469-0070 | email ken@friendsclubbethesda.org

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

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

- **The family of Helen Hobson who died on October 31, 2026.**
- 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.

- The Nursery School had a joyous alumni day--oldest alumnus was 40 years old!

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

- **Ed Gray (David's father) for healing and shalom (total well-being).**
- **A BHPC member for healing and complete recovery for a new health concern.**
- Jean Sutton for shalom (total well-being).
- Mimi (Terry Brady's sister-in-law) for health and well-being.
- For those who are looking for housing.
- Carol Butcher for healing and full recovery from back surgery.
- Joanie Friend for healing and full recovery.
- Jeff for healing and full recovery.
- Daphne Mace (Melanie & Phil Mace's daughter) for health and total well-being.
- Sharon Griffith for health and total well-being.
- Eric, Gloria Androa, Debbie Bowis, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Frank Fowler, Donna Foley-Rennhack, Linda Harman, Margaret Liffiton, Phyllis Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, and Margaret and Kristine Yeager.

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

- **Stanley (Michelle Scott's father) who is recovering from pneumonia.**
- 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, Cynthia Hines, Scott Hagwood, 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, 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.

Connect | Celebrate | Nurture | Serve | Steward

Our Staff

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Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland
Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Natalia Kojanova (alto), Lily Gallihue (tenor)



Flower Dedication

From Venus Masselam, for her father Matry Masselam.

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 15 | Interfaith Sunday

November 22 | Music Sunday

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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