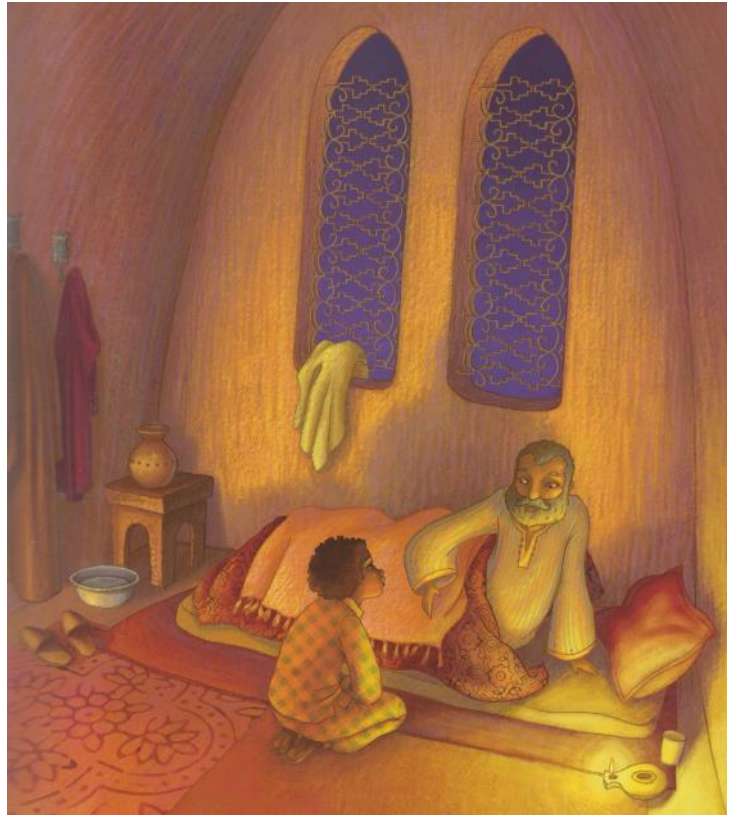


# Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

*Embracing Journeys  
Engaging Faith*



**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 17, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

# GATHERING TOGETHER

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

### CARILLON PEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING MUSIC

Adagio, Op. 65

Mélanie Bonis  
(1858-1937)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

DCE Matt Nabinger

One: Church, what do we do when God calls?

All: Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: Church, what do we do when God asks us to do something difficult?

All: Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: Church, what do we do when God asks us to do something impossible?

All: Wake up. Listen. Act.

Because, with God, nothing is impossible.

One: Even changing ourselves?

All: Even changing the world.

Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: And, in all our living,

All: Let us worship God.

### HYMN 476

### O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

O worship the King, all glorious above!

O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,

His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,

And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

#### **WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED**

Pastor David Gray

One: May the eyes of our hearts be opened.

All: That we might experience God and the hope to which we are called.

## **CONFESSING AND PRAISING**

#### **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION** (*unison*)

God of love, we confess that we often forget to listen for your voice, that moments of stillness are few. We pace about with our eyes down, wringing our hands in worry, our minds and hearts and ears closed. Please, God, do not stop speaking. Lift up our eyes. Help us to be still in your presence and listen. We confess that we sometimes speak when we should be silent. Other times, we stay silent when we should speak. Give us the courage to listen when we want to pontificate. Give us the courage to speak out against injustice when we are worried about the consequences. We quiet ourselves in your presence as we confess . . .

*Silence for personal confession*

## KYRIE

John Merbecke, 1550  
Arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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

Hymn 263, *St. Denio*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

# EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1a

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

arr. André Thomas  
(b. 1952)

Keep your lamps!

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian soldier, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

## SERMON

When God Does a New Thing

DCE Matt Nabinger

## HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

*Here I am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSE IN PRAYER

Response for Concerns:	○ Lord, hear our prayers.
Response for Celebrations:	With thanksgiving, 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.

## RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

### Call for Tithes and Offerings

*Please reflect on your blessings and how you might, during these times, present your offering to God in time, talent or treasure.*

*You can give on your phone by texting to 73256, then enter BHPC (space) and the amount of the gift, press "send" and click on the link.*

### Offertory Anthem

Andrea S. Klouse

#### Prayer of the Children

(c. 1945)

Can you hear the prayer of the children on bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room?

Empty eyes with no more tears to cry, turning heavenward toward the light.

Crying, "Who will help me to see the morning light of one more day?

But if I should die before I wake, I pray my soul to take?"

Can you feel the hearts of the children aching for home, for something of their very own?

Reaching hands with nothing to hold on to, but hope for a better day.

Crying, "Who will help me to feel the love again in my own land?

But if unknown roads lead away from home, give me loving arms, away from harm."

Can you hear the voice of the children softly pleading for silence in their shattered world?

Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate, blood of the innocent on their hands.

Crying, "Jesus help me to feel the sun again upon my face.

For when darkness clears I know you're near, bringing peace again."

*Dali cuje te sve dječje molitve?*

Can you hear the prayer of the children?

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (*unison*)

Eternal God, may our gifts, offerings, and prayers be a sign that we are listening for you.

We long to hear your voice and obey your word. Move us to wake up, listen, and act in step with your great love for this world. Amen.

# GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**HYMN 563**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*Lift Every Voice*

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**CHARGE**

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amy Beach  
(1867-1944)

With prayer and supplication

With prayer and supplication,

Let your requests be known unto God.

And the peace of God which passeth all understanding

shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**Parish concerns & celebrations:** Our prayers are with those who are ill, injured, or facing/ recovering from surgery. We pray for the family of Sarah Allan as they mourn her death. We pray for Milfred and Joan Brown as they mourn the death of their daughter Linda. If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Faith Community Nurse Joanie Friend ([jfriend@pobox.com](mailto:jfriend@pobox.com)).

**Thanks to Sonya Sutton** for filling in for Matthew while he is on vacation.

**Next week:** David preaching "Asking Questions of God" based on John 3

**This morning's flowers** are given in memory of Sarah Allan by the BHPC Book Group.

**We are grateful to our Flower Guild** for our beautiful flowers on the Chancel each Sunday.

**We are so grateful** especially now for our wonderful sound and video ministry team: Bruce Liffiton, Jim Kettler, Min Lee, Bruce Hunter and Max Kuzmyak.

**Pastor Eunice will go part-time in January 2021.** In January, Eunice will be 25% time so she will not be present at Sunday worship. From February - May, she will be 75% time and resuming all of her current responsibilities.



## Music Notes

The Section Leaders will, between early January and early February, be singing the entirety of Thomas Tallis' *Mass for Four Voices*, which concludes our 20-21 exploration of Renaissance masses for four voices. Thomas Tallis' career was shaped by his artistic sensibilities developed in the florid musical reign of Henry VII, not to mention his devotional life as a Roman Catholic. Despite the ravages of war and fierce tribal politics of the day, Catholicism flourished in 15th-century England. But the dawn of the 16th century brought with it new and very real dangers—a ruling family wracked by scandal, political volatility, and a religious reformation that would threaten the foundations of religious life.

Thomas Tallis and William Byrd are rightly acknowledged as the foremost composers of the high Renaissance as expressed in Tudor England. In the case of Thomas Tallis, it is his clear ability to adapt to the extremities of the political upheaval and, as a result, the religious changes serving four monarchs which sets him apart. Tallis is the master of the musical line and vocal phrase. Regardless of the text he sets, he sets it in a beautifully crafted hierarchy of harmony and discord.

As with many of the songs by enslaved peoples, *Keep your lamps* impetus came from hearing a sermon based upon the parable found in the book of Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 1-13. In this passage of scripture, Jesus tells the story of the wise and foolish virgins. They had been told that the bridegroom would be coming, thus they got their lamps, trimmed them, and set them burning and went to the appointed place. However, the bridegroom did not arrive at the appointed time and the foolish only brought enough oil for one night. They then returned to get more oil and of course the bridegroom came while they were away. Jesus then says to his disciples, "you know not the day nor the hour of my return. Be ye ready!" As a response to this, one can only imagine the song stirring from the soul of one slave listener. Jesus was indeed a deliverer and a hope for the slave. One can only speculate that this song was sung often, when there was a possibility of deliverance.

- Music note by the composer

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a caring community of friends who come from a variety of backgrounds to seek God in this place. We are united by our faith in Christ, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. We believe you will find Bradley Hills an open and safe place to ask the difficult questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey. Our history is connected to the care and nurture of children and to our supporting each other as we seek God. We encourage you to explore our bulletin and website. We hope we have a chance to greet you following worship or that you'll contact us. See you next week at church!

Many blessings,

David, the BHPC Staff, and Congregation

[David@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:David@bradleyhillschurch.org)

Bradley Hills is 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 across the nation, from different denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

### Exploring Membership on Zoom

Sunday, February 21

If you would like to learn more about BHPC, get connected or explore membership, join David after worship on February 21 on Zoom for a new member/connectional discussion or [email David](mailto:David@bradleyhillschurch.org) for more information.



## 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge

### January 2021

You are invited to dive deeper into issues around racial justice to reflect and educate yourself. There will be opportunities to meet up via zoom to reflect together with others in the congregation. There is a brief activity (some shorter than others) for every day so you can also use this as a personal January devotional practice. You are also invited to join a Racial Justice Zoom meeting. See the links below.

Join the Realm Group "21 Day Racial Justice Challenge" for further details.

[Click here for 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge.](#)

#### Racial Justice Zoom Meetings

[Click here to join a Wednesday Racial Justice Meeting.](#)

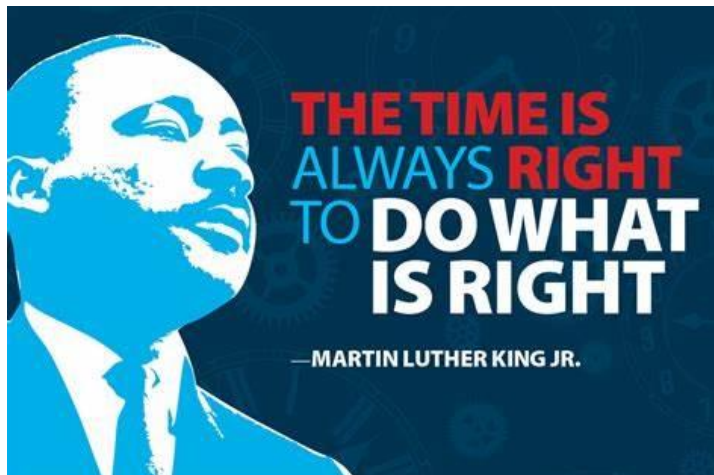
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January 20 at 7:30 p.m.

[Click here to join a Thursday Racial Justice Meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4952 5346

January 21 at 7:30 p.m.



## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

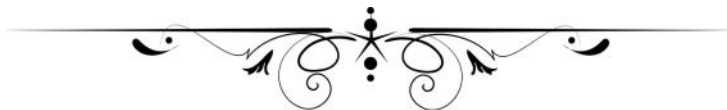
**Church office closed** on Monday, January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

**Bible Study, Thursday, January 21 at 2:30 p.m.** Join David by Zoom at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday to discuss upcoming scripture. Please contact [Terry Brady](#) for the Bible Study Zoom link.

**Alleluia Singers today from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. via Zoom:** We are excited to offer Alleluia Singers Choir on Zoom today at 1:00 p.m. with Marie Marquis! Children from Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend. This year we will be exploring Ways to Praise, focusing throughout the year on different ways to praise God. [Email Marie Marquis](#) if you would like for your child to participate.

**Small Group Leaders Wanted!!** The Spring Small Group will begin the week of February 21. Small Groups are for spiritual formation and mutual support. A group of no more than 12 would gather each week for five weeks to share reflections on scriptures, topics of interest, or more personal aspect of faith journey. If you are interested in leading a group, please contact Pastor Eunice ([Eunice@bradleyhillchurch.org](mailto:Eunice@bradleyhillchurch.org)). The Spring 2021 Small Group will meet via Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic.

**Connecting with Your Community:** You are invited to pre adult ed Coffee "hour" at 845am each Sunday by Zoom and to wish each other a sign of peace on the chat after worship.



## **Adult Education for January 2021**

### **Sunday Mornings at 9:15 via Zoom**

The Zoom link for Adult Education will open at about 8:45 on Sunday morning to give those who would like an opportunity for early fellowship to join. Bring your own coffee! The program will begin as usual at 9:15.

**January 17: Kerm Towler – Christianity in South Africa:** Kerm Towler has traveled to southern Africa (five times to South Africa-once to Zimbabwe and Zambia) as part of the Wesley Theological Seminary Immersion program, which means he just cannot get enough of South Africa! The country is rich in cultural, artistic and plant life. Did you know that most of the plant species in the world had their origins in southern Africa? He has "been in the room" with people who fought for freedom (and paid the price with torture) and were imprisoned on Robbin Island as well as the man who was Nelson Mandela's personal jailer of 30 years in two prisons. As part of the presentation, he will introduce the human origins work, and then discuss the recent history regarding apartheid and social development, highlighting the advances as well as areas in which progress is being held back. And maybe a picture of some animals might be seen too.

**January 24: Rev. Pat Jackson – "Be the Bridge" Initiative:** Rev. Jackson is the co-Executive Director of Interwoven Congregations and a Parish Associate at Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Interwoven Congregations is a faith community dedicated to creating opportunities for people to meet and engage in a sustained way across the racial divide. Be the Bridge is an initiative that several BHPC members participate in.

**January 31: Dr. Robert Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity"** Dr. Jones last addressed BHPC Adult Education in 2017, when he discussed his previous book, *The End of White Christian America*. Both volumes are based on deep demographic and public opinion studies of the intersections of race, politics and religion.

[Click here to join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 857 6618 3170

You may also call in at (301) 715-8592.



## January Worship Schedule

**January 17**

Matt Nabinger preaching

**January 24**

David preaching "Asking Questions of God"

John 3

**January 31**

David preaching "He Can't Be, Can He?"

Ordination and Installation of Officers

## ORDAINED AND LAY LEADERSHIP

**Session:** George Petrides ('20), Nadia Schmiedigen ('20), Yoshi Sei ('20), Kristen Wheeden ('20), Bethany Frick ('21), Walter Hill ('21), Louise Meyer ('21), Sean Owens ('21), Brent Coffey ('22), Neil Imus ('22), Rebekah Liu ('22), Rosanna Morrison ('22) and Ethan Coffin ('20)

**Deacons:** Kim Brinkman('20), Joel Fickett ('20), Carol Frenkel ('20), Curt West ('20), Jana Coffey ('21), Bill Edelblut ('21), Bie Fox ('21), James Scroggs ('21), Mike Frenkel ('22), June Kyakobye ('22), Judy Ozone ('22), Frank Randall ('22) and Stetson Eliason ('20)

**Lay Ministry Chairs:** Bill Perry (Worship & Arts), Myla Williams (Mission Coordination), Todd McCreight (Finance), Linda Kauskay (Property Management), Andrew Milne (Personnel), Cathie Lutter and Amanda Owens (Children's Ministry), Tara Eliason (Youth Ministry), Steve Fox and Dianne Whitaker (Adult Education), Fam SaeChao Chock (Outreach and New Members), Bonnie Peyer (Stewardship), George Petrides (Nominating), and Bonnie Holcomb and Sara Inati (Connectional)

**Worship Captains:** Mary Hickey (Chancel Guild), Lisa Suggs Wilson and Jon Winslow (Communion Team), Joy Panagides and Bie Fox (Flower Guild), Corky Hickey and Susie Wellman (Usher Team), Bruce Liffiton (Sound System), Andrew Wolvin (Chancel Players), Tom Biggs (Lay Readers)

## Mission Statement

To reflect God's gracious love by following  
Christ's example to welcome, nurture, heal and serve.

## Vision Statement

A vibrant caring community that draws  
and energizes people to grow in faith,  
serving together to make every breath count.

## KEEPING UP WITH GIVING DURING THE SHUTDOWN



BHPC's 2021 Stewardship theme – Abundant Blessing, Abundant Gratitude, Abundant Giving – continues to frame the life our church. Even during this time when we cannot gather in person, we hope that each of you can discern how God continues to shower blessings on us all, individually and as a church family, and in gratitude for those blessings, give abundantly to support God's work at BHPC.

Now more than ever, we want to ensure that everyone is aware of the many methods of giving that are available, whether you are a long-time BHPC member, a virtual visitor, or looking to simplify your giving habits. So, here is a comprehensive list of the ways you can give to BHPC.

**Online:** All methods of online giving will direct you to Realm, BHPC's virtual connection tool, where you can securely enter any giving amount; designate which "fund" should receive your donation (e.g., "General Giving," the "Annual Pledge" or even the "Easter Fund"); and choose whether to make a one-time donation or a recurring donation. For all online giving, you will need a credit or debit card. There are three methods of online giving:

- [The "Give" Button](#): Simply click the red "Give" button found on the top right corner of the BHPC website and you be directed to Realm.
- Text "BHPC" [space] dollar amount" (ex. "BHPC 150" for a \$150 gift) to 73256 and follow the link.
- [Log into Realm](#) via the App or from the website and choose the "Giving" option.

**Check:** Please make checks payable to "Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church" and mail to the church office. As with online giving, you may indicate a special designation by writing that in the memo field.

**Gifts of Securities** (e.g., stocks, bonds, etc.): Transferring securities to Bradley Hills' brokerage account is a great way to donate appreciated securities while potentially avoiding capital gains taxes. To learn more about this giving option, please see our website under the [SERVE](#) tab and then "Ways for You to Give."

Check this space for future updates on the status of giving at BHPC, and thank you for supporting our mission to reflect God's gracious love by following Christ's example to welcome, nurture, heal and serve.



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