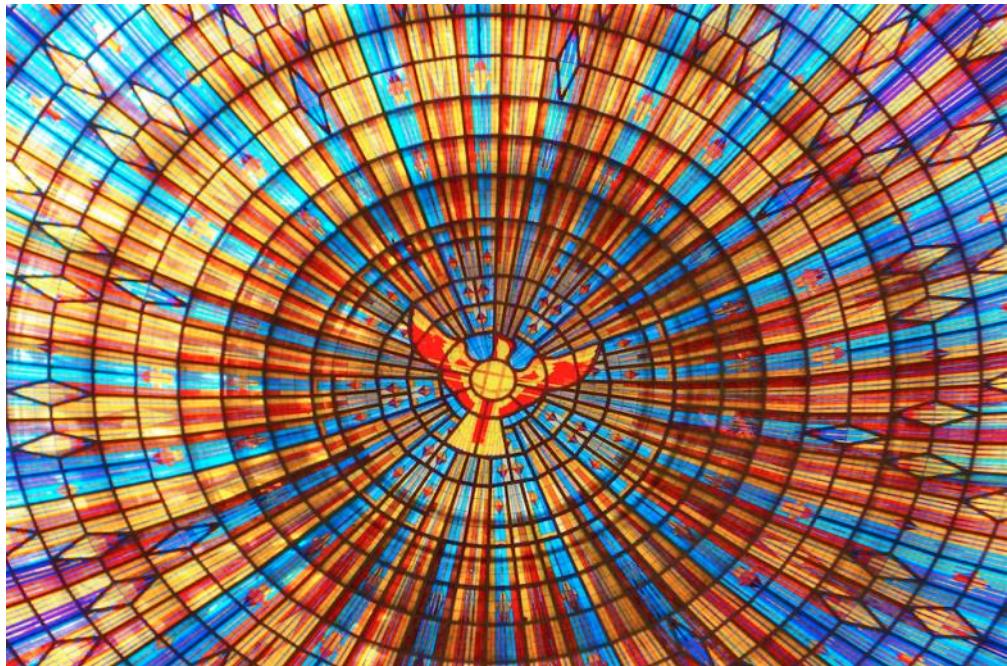


Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

*Embracing Journeys
Engaging Faith*



**Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, *BuxWV 185*

Dieterich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Spirit of wisdom, and teach us to value the highest gifts.
All: Come, Holy Spirit.
One: Come, Spirit of understanding, and show us all things in the light of eternity.
All: Come, Holy Spirit.
One: Come, Spirit of godliness, and stir up our minds and hearts
to love and worship you.
All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Pastor Chris Foster

HYMN 131

Winds Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Aberystwyth

Wind who makes all winds that blow - gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves -
Aim Your breath with steady power on Your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn - suns around which planets turn,
Beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls -
Come to us as once You came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and power, might and strength, fill Your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame, move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with Your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our live, our deeds and ways,
Speak that tongue which every land by Your grace shall understand.

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

One: Grace to you.
All: And peace from God above and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating a new community of faith. We adore you for your generosity. Yet we confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. You have sent us the Spirit of love, but we have preferred to hate those who oppose us. You have sent us the Spirit of peace, but we have allowed our selfishness to cause division and disharmony. You have sent us the Spirit of kindness, but we have been indifferent to other people's needs and feelings. Teach us how much we need the power of your Spirit in our lives; and breathe new life into us; for Jesus Christ's sake ...

Silence for personal confession

KYRIE

John Merbeck, 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

God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hymn 322 - *Spirit of the Living*

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

As you think about this Children's Message as the service continues, please send a fun fact along with a drawing or a photo that we can share at a future children's sermon to Matt@bradleyhillschurch.org.

ANTHEM

O Come Thou Sweet Redeeming Fire

Daniel E. Gawthrop
(b. 1949)

O come thou sweet redeeming fire,
O light of truth, resplendent love.
O come thou sweet redeeming fire.
Come thou, come thou,
Spark in earthly clay thy pow'r
over death, to life divine.
Washed now of sin, reborn to glory;
Seal in holy fire Thy promises.

Born of flesh, Thy blood atoning,
Lamb of God. Our risen Lord.
O come thou sweet redeeming fire.
O light of truth, resplendent love.
O come thou sweet redeeming fire.
Grace confirm us, peace attend us.
Come thou, Holy Spirit, come, come.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-8, 11b

NT Page 119

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Old Story, New Voice

The Rev. John Molina-Moore,
General Presbyter

ANTHEM

Draw us in the spirit's tether

Harold Friedell
(1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether
For when humbly in your name
Two or three are met together,
You are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of you,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may be disciples true,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve thee faithfully.

As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver
Break the bread and bless the cup.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH

Recognition of New Members

RESPONSE IN PRAYER

Response for Concerns: O 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

Alleluja; from Motet VI, *Lobet den Herrn*

Alleluja

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Doxology - Hymn 592

Old Hundredth

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Thank you, Lord, for your gifts, for the chance to share them, and for your church. With Pentecost power we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Magnificat Secondi Toni; Primus Versus

Matthias Weckmann

(probably 1616/24-1674)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Parish concerns & celebrations: Our prayers are with those who are ill, injured, or facing/recovering from surgery. We celebrate Matt Nabinger's and Sara Sadler's acceptances as Candidates for Ministry. We celebrate the 63rd wedding anniversary of Carol and Barrie McLeod. If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Faith Community Nurse Joanie Friend (jfriend@pobox.com). If you are in need of pastoral or material support in this time, please contact David, Chris or Joanie. If you are interested in helping with grocery or prescription pick up/drop off support, please let Chris or Joanie know.

Next week: David preaching "Wisdom from the Book of Ezekiel," Communion and Virtual coffee hour

Helping in Worship: If you would like to help in worship this summer with reading scripture and leading prayers on a Sunday, email david@bradleyhillschurch.org.

Guest Preacher John Molina-Moore



The Rev. John Molina-Moore was called as the General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery, May 2019.

He holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Sterling College (2005), where he was a scholarship student in both music and athletics. He has a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary (2011), where he won the "The Gerald R. Johnson Award in Speech Communication in Ministry" award in preaching and communications. In 2017, John completed a Certificate in Advanced Executive Leadership for Ministers from Howard University.

John served pastorates at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church and Calvary Presbyterian Church, both located in Wilmington, Delaware. In National Capital, he has served as Stated Supply Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, and Stated Supply Pastor for Community Life at Western Presbyterian Church.

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

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.

Adult Education on Zoom Sunday from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

This week, May 31 - An open conversation with Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter at National Capitol Presbytery, about our work together in the presbytery. Hear what direction our shared ministries are headed and where Bradley Hills might get excited about joining in.

Next week, June 7: BHPC member and social worker Gretchen Gaines will talk about maintaining mental health for children and adolescents through the pandemic. Bring your questions and concerns!

Please contact Steve Fox (phixitphox@gmail.com) for Zoom login information.

Virtual Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 7!

Dear Friends,

As we manage through this difficult time we want to continue to create opportunities for connection and fellowship. This virus may keep us from physically being close, but we are coming together in unique and meaningful ways to support one another. In this spirit, we are excited to schedule our first Virtual Coffee Hour, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 7, in lieu of our previously planned Summer BBQ. BYO donuts and coffee!



Date: Sunday, June 7
Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 p.m.
(immediately following the worship service)
Format: Zoom!

After a brief welcome and overview of the format, we will divide the attendees into break-out rooms of 12-15 so that you can more easily connect and converse. After 15 minutes of fellowship, we will mix you up again and you will be sent into another break-out room. We will repeat this process one final time depending on the number of attendees. You will likely be Zoomed out by the time this is over, but you will have the opportunity to connect with most everyone. I hope you will join us for this novel event and help keep our Bradley Hills community connected and thriving.

If you would like to receive the Zoom link,
please email Louise Meyer (coffeehour.bhpc@gmail.com).

Questions? Contact Sean Owens (dr.seanowens@gmail.com) or Louise Meyer.

Lessons from Exile

Our lives have certainly changed this spring. Yet God is steadfast. Even during this time of change God's strength and love remain constant. Our faith and the hope that comes through music, scripture and prayer helps get us through.

This June and July, part of our preaching will examine the lessons from Biblical literature which emerged from Israel's experience of The Babylonian Exile, being separated from its usual place, and what that meant and means.

June 7
David preaching "Wisdom from the Book of Ezekiel"

June 14
David preaching "Wisdom from the Book of Esther"

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lay Ministry Chairs Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Our Wednesday evening Vespers and Thursday Noon Zoom and Learn groups are taking a break for now but we look forward to sharing more about them as the summer goes on

Bible Study, Wednesday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m. Please join us by phone at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday to discuss upcoming scripture. Call 712-451-1098 and enter access code: 413906. We will be conducting Bible Study by phone until the threat from covid-19 has subsided.

Friday Noon Prayer Time: Join the pastors for prayer by phone on Fridays at noon. Call 712-451-1098 and enter access code: 413906.

Blessing of the Babies: In this time of social distancing, we are not able to hold baptisms. We will look forward to celebrating the sacrament of baptism with you when we are able to return to the building. In the meantime, if you would like to have a virtual blessing of your baby during worship, email David@bradleyhillschurch.org.

Service on the Nominating Committee: Our BHPC Nominating Committee is charged with helping lift up Elders, Deacons, Lay Ministry Chairs and Nominating members for leadership in the congregation. If you would like to be considered to serve on the Nominating Committee or to suggest someone for it, contact committee chair George Petrides. (georgejr@wildbird.com).

Congregation-wide Book Discussion, Sunday, June 28, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m on Zoom: The BHPC Book Group will host a congregation-wide book discussion about Bob Deans' new novel *The Bicycle Man* on Sunday June 28 from 3:30 - 5:00 via Zoom. Please contact Mary Hickey (maryhickey4415@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Allen (mpallen114@aol.com) if you would like a copy of the book. Marilyn or Mary will be sitting outside the church office Tuesday June 2 and Wednesday June 3 from about 10 am -12 noon if you want to stop by and pick up a copy of the book. Otherwise, we will think of another way to get the book to you.

Bob has generously agreed to donate autographed copies of his book to us. He suggests that people make a donation to the Church rather than pay him for the book.

Brief Summary of Book: For Sandy Rivers, the known world is the Richmond suburban landscape of his morning paper route, an intimate if unsteady place where the illusions of comfort, sanctuary and myth are shattered by daily headlines that chronicle a country torn by war in Vietnam, the struggle for Civil Rights and the search for American purpose. It is the spring of 1968. This is the story of an era that helped shape our country and define our times, told through one boy's extraordinary journey through his own personal life in a small patch of America. As part of this, he realizes the debt he can never repay to someone he knows only as the Bicycle Man.

Taking White Supremacy to Court: The Charlottesville Case, Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. IFA Executive Director Amy Spitalnick will discuss their groundbreaking lawsuit and the broader fight against white supremacy.

[Click here for Zoom Registration](#)
[Website: www.integrityfirstforamerica.org](http://www.integrityfirstforamerica.org)

Once in a generation, there is a trial that fundamentally changes our nation. Integrity First for America's Charlottesville case, *Sines v. Kessler*, will be that trial - laying down a clear marker against violence and hate at a critical time for our country.

White supremacist violence is on the rise - from Charlottesville to Pittsburgh to Poway to El Paso. The already-dire threat of white supremacist terror has become even more urgent as extremists seek to exploit this pandemic to spread hate and violence - plotting to bomb hospitals, burn down a Jewish assisted-living facility, and weaponize the virus - still while promoting bigotry and disinformation. Join IFA Executive Director Amy Spitalnick for an overview of this landmark case - which is moving full-speed ahead - and the fight against white supremacy, anti-Semitism, racism, and other forms of hate.

Building Bridges Across the Racial Divide: Our Presbytery is inviting anyone interested to participate in a project it is launching to build bridges across the racial divide. Participants will join discussion groups of 10-12 people of diverse backgrounds and from different churches in our Presbytery. The groups will meet once a month via Zoom, at least for now, over one year. The goal is to develop a deeper understanding of the history and nature of systemic racism in the U.S., engage in constructive dialogue and build relationships across the racial divide, and identify ways each of us can address racism. The project will follow a model called "Be the Bridge" (www.bethebridge.com). The pandemic has laid bare and further widened race-based inequities in the U.S., including in Montgomery County. This project is an opportunity to learn what each of us can do to address this. Several Bradley Hills members have already signed up. If interested or for more information, please contact Myla Williams (myla.williams@gmail.com).

Wear Orange to our virtual coffee hour on Sunday, June 7 to show your support to raise awareness of gun violence.

What is Wear Orange? Orange was the favorite color of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, who was killed by gunfire in Chicago in 2013 just one week after her high school band had performed in the President's second inaugural parade. After her death, her friends asked people to stand up, speak out, and wear orange to raise awareness of gun violence. Each year in early June, local groups across the U.S. organize Wear Orange events.

Education and Action: You can help raise awareness of gun violence by wearing orange to the June 7 coffee hour; you can get a T-shirt here to support action against gun violence: <https://store.everytown.org/collections/wear-orange> or wear an orange shirt you already own.

For more information about reducing gun violence and child safety

<https://momsdemandaction.org/moms-demand-action-everytown-call-for-veto-override-to-enact-common-sense-background-check-legislation/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfBq_2cN6Zk&feature=youtu.b



Welcome, New Members!

Daphne Carlson Bremer



Daphne is thrilled and blessed to be joining Bradley Hills after attending for the past few years with her family, Andrew Bremer and Zelamie Bremer. Daphne is a veterinarian by training, and has worked in the private sector, academia, and government. She currently works for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, focused on international wildlife conservation. She is particularly drawn to the mission-service approach of BHPC and looks forward to finding new ways to get involved and serve the community. In her free time, Daphne enjoys practicing yoga, knitting, cooking, and spending time with her family.

Rosemary Christiaens and Jonathan De Donder

Rosemary and Jonathan and their daughter, Amaryllis come from Belgium and will be staying in Maryland for four years. Jonathan is in the Belgian military and Rosemary is a language teacher. Amaryllis is a very enthusiastic 4 year old who loves singing and running. We hope to be able to connect with you soon and hopefully see you in church, such a great community!



Derek Drake and Caroline Yeager

Derek was born and raised in Massachusetts, briefly lived in Pittsburgh and found a home in Rockville with his fiance, Caroline who grew up at Bradley Hills and is very happy to be back after going away for schooling. Derek and Caroline enjoy rock-climbing, hiking, cooking, and playing board games together. They look forward to joining the community!



Rich and Jamie Harper



A native of San Francisco, Rich works on international trade issues for Outdoor Industry Association. He spent the first 15 years of his career in the Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein. Jamie is originally from Carlisle, PA and is a Senior Clinical Project Manager for Mapp Bio-pharmaceutical. Jamie and Rich have lived in the DC area for over 20 years and have been married for 10 years. Ruthie (9 years old) is a third grader at Ashburton Elementary school and loves music, cooking and the highs and lows of the San Francisco Giants, 49ers and Golden State Warriors. Richie (7 years old) is a first grader at Darnestown Elementary School and loves science experiments, playing outside and any Disney related movies.

Matthew McMeekin

Matthew likes to sing, to act, to swim - 500 meter butterfly anyone? He also likes to meet and greet people, and to learn and speak foreign languages. One of his favorite things is being Uncle Matthew to Everett!



Erika Thomas

Erika has attended and served at Bradley Hills since her daughter participated in youth activities as a young child. She has always found the congregation welcoming and supportive of members and youth. Erika grew up in a Presbyterian church in Bay City, Michigan. Erika is a pharmacist who has worked primarily in hospitals until her most recent move to the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) in Bethesda. A primary interest is working with rural providers. She resides in Potomac with her daughter Emily and her husband John. She has served at Bradley Hills in a number of youth-oriented activities including TASTE, youth group, and church school. Erika looks forward to joining the vibrant congregation at Bradley Hills to make a difference in the world.



Ryan and Jill Walk



Ryan and Jill have three children: Declan (6), Reid (4), and Madison (2). Ryan is a Pediatric Surgeon at Walter Reed and Jill is a Gynecologist in private practice. Declan is finishing Kindergarten at Wyngate Elementary and Reid attends Bradley Hills Nursery School. They love to be outside and go on bike rides as a family.

Kathleen (Katie) Young

Katie lives in Chevy Chase with her husband, daughter (2) and son (3 months), having moved to the area in the summer of 2019 from Quebec City, Canada. She enjoys running, reading and hiking, and looks forward to connecting more with the BHPC community in the coming weeks and months.



KEEPING UP WITH GIVING DURING THE SHUTDOWN

Thank you for the ways in which you continue to support the life and ministry of the church. For those of you who are able to do so there are a number of ways to keep up your financial support of Bradley Hills while you are not able to come here in person.

- On your phone through the Realm app, by pressing the little credit card icon at the bottom of the page.
- On your phone by texting to 73256, then enter BHPC (space) and the amount of the gift, press "send" and click on the link.
- You can give through the BHPC website (www.bradleyhillschurch.org) on your phone, tablets or computer by pressing the "[Give Now](#)" button.
- By mailing a check to the church.

This is a virus-free way of giving. It keeps the operations going forward smoothly. We have developed this tool through Realm. Let's use it.



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