

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

*Embracing Journeys
Engaging Faith*



Dedication Sunday

October 25, 2020

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from the Iona Abbey Worship Book

DCE Matt Nabinger

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

All: To the rising of this life itself.

One: O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day

All: Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

HYMN 414 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought Forest Green

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field

To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,

So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:

Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,

To make our life an offering to God that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true;

A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,

Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.

O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,

Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Stewardship

Rosemary Christiaens

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (*unison*)

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

Credo; from Mass for Four Voices

Credo in unum Deum.
Patrem omnipotentem,
factorem caeli et terrae,
visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
Et in unum Dominum
Jesum Christum,
Filium Dei unigenitum,
Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula.
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
Deum verum de Deo vero.
Genitum, non factum,
consubstantialem Patri:
per quem omnia facta sunt.
Qui propter nos homines
et propter nostram salutem
descendit de caelis.

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto
ex Maria Virgine:
Et homo factus est.

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato:
passus, et sepultus est.

Et resurrexit tertia die,
secundum scripturas.
Et ascendit in caelum:
sedet ad dexteram Patris.
Et iterum venturus est
cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos:
Cujus regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum sanctum Dominum,
et vivificantem:
Qui ex Patre, Filioque procedit.
Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul adoratur,
et conglorificatur:
Qui locutus est per Prophetas.

Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam.
Confiteor unum baptisma
in remissionem peccatorum.
Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum
Et vitam venturi saeculi.
Amen.

William Byrd
(1543-1623)

*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
Only begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds.
God of God, light of light,
Very God of very God.
Begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father:
by whom all things were made.
Who for us men
and for our salvation
came down from heaven.*

*And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary:
And was made man.*

*And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate:
suffered, and was buried.*

*And the third day He rose again
according to the scriptures.
And ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of the Father
And He shall come again
with glory to judge the living and the dead:
His kingdom shall have no end.*

*And (I believe in) the Holy Ghost, Lord
and giver of life:
Who proceedeth from the Father and Son.
Who with the Father and Son
together is worshipped and glorified:
Who spake by the Prophets.*

*And in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.*

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-16

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Steve Dobrogosz
(b. 1958)

Roads

Some take high roads,	some take hard roads
some take low roads,	and some take hard roads no one else can see,
some take any road beneath their feet,	Some are safe on the good roads,
Some take soft roads	others lost on the bad roads,
any way the wind blows,	But they all come back,
some take lonely roads that never meet,	they all come back,
Some take long roads,	they all come back to Thee.

SERMON

Dedicated to the Shepherd

David Gray

HYMN 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name:
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN PRAYER

Response for Concerns: O Lord, hear our prayers.

Response for Celebrations: With thanksgiving, we praise the Lord.

Prayer of Commitment

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 FAITH AND OFFERINGS

Call for Tithes, Offerings and Pledges

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.

Making Our Commitments to God

Offertory

A Prayer from South Africa

Lord, help me to give myself when I am giving.
Teach me to give without thought of receiving,
and to receive without thought of giving.

Teach me not to withhold or to withdraw myself.
Teach me to hoard nothing: love, money, time, possessions.
Make me ready to give even my life if it is required of me.
And while I have it, use it as an instrument of your peace.
Amen.

James Whitbourn
(b. 1963)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication *(unison)*

Lord, with the action of this offering, we give you thanks for all you have given us. May these gifts uphold the work of your church and help inspire generosity in all. Amen.

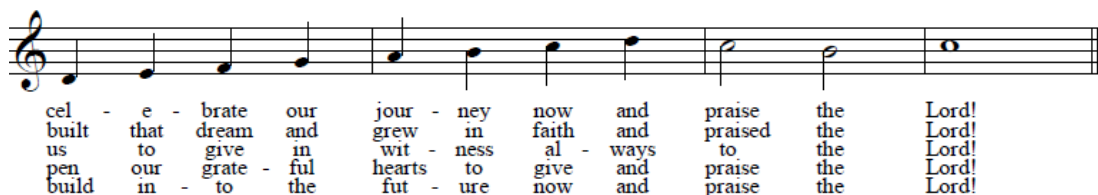
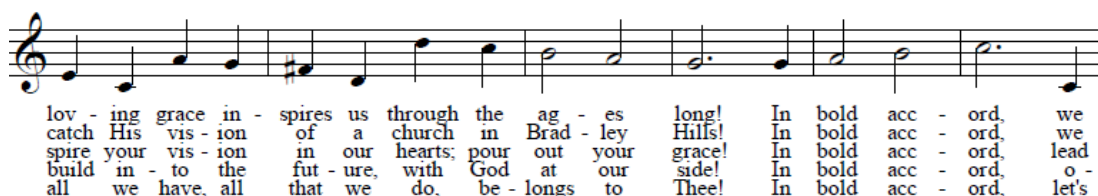
GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN

Come Sing, O Church in Joy

John Darwell, 1770

Words by Susan Bowis, 2014



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Parish concerns & celebrations: Our prayers are with those who are ill, injured, or facing/recovering from surgery. If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Faith Community Nurse Joanie Friend (jfriend@pobox.com).

Next week - All Saints Sunday: Special Music, no communion, David preaching "Die with Him" based on John 11 and 14, celebrating those who have died in the past year. Join us on this Sunday before our national election to center ourselves with calming, peaceful music, and to pray for our nation at this critical time.

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.

BHPC is beginning in-person baptisms. Contact David (David@bradleyhillchurch.org) for more information.



Music Notes

Today marks the final installment in the performance of William Byrd's complete **Mass for Four Voices**, which has been performed weekly since September. This week our section leaders share the Credo. The Renaissance era of English music reached its finest flower in the works of William Byrd. Byrd was able to imbue his great summation of the English tradition of Latin liturgical music with simultaneous qualities of universality, intense personal artistry, and deep national character-yet all the while, like J.S. Bach a century-and-a-half later, pursuing a very insular, almost circumscribed career. Born around 1543 at Lincoln, Byrd studied music in his youth with the great Thomas Tallis, with whom he shared the position of organist at the Chapel Royal, as well as a national monopoly on music publishing. By all outward signs, he was as successful as any English musician could hope to be.

Byrd sought to make a careful distinction between his Catholic faith and his English loyalty, but as anti-Catholic and xenophobic voices grew stronger in British society such nuanced positions became untenable. Those "recusants" who refused to attend the new Anglican liturgies were subject to heavy fines; those who were brought to a public accounting of their religious activities endured dreadful tortures, even martyrdom. Despite protection from Queen Elizabeth herself, Byrd finally left London in 1593 for refuge in Essex, under the protection of various powerful Catholic noblemen for whose secret chapels he composed much service

music. Byrd's Mass for Four Voices (1593) is the first of his three Mass cycles for the forbidden Catholic rite.

Steve Dobrogosz is an American composer who has spent most of his life as a composer, conductor and pianist living in Stockholm, Sweden. His works, including *Roads*, are frequently commissioned and performed by choirs around the world. Dobrogosz's style combines an American jazz-inspired feel with a vocal style that is redolent of gospel and jazz simultaneously, while never fully leaving the classical idiom.

A Prayer from South Africa was written while the British composer Whitbourn was at the cathedral in Johannesburg. He recalls a South African choir rehearsing while tourists milled about. All of the tourists stopped milling, and stood, transfixed. He writes that he tried to



**Abundant
Blessings**

**Abundant
Gratitude**

**Abundant
Giving**

Today is Dedication Sunday

Join Pastor David and your church family as we make and dedicate our pledges today for 2021. Choose how you will participate in dedicating your pledge:

- Mail your pledge card to the church.
- Bring your pledge card to the 8:30 service.
- Use your Realm account to make your pledge.
- [Email Amy de Court](mailto:amy@bradleyhillschurch.org) (amy@bradleyhillschurch.org) with your confidential pledge.

During the service, Pastor David will call us to make our pledges in whatever form we have chosen. We will come together as the body of Christ virtually, as we do in our communion services, to make our dedications to God.

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@bradleyhillchurch.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.

Fall Small Groups

Small groups will be back via Zoom for five weeks from October 18-November 15. All are welcome! Small Groups are 8-10 Bradley Hills folk meeting together usually in homes for a weekly connectional, discussion based and praying group. The theme for this season is: *Discipleship*. Please contact Pastor Eunice (eunice@bradleyhillchurch.org) which groups you are interested in joining. If the time slots offered do not fit your schedule, please feel free to provide your preferred meeting times. Thank you.



Available small groups meeting times:

Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

All Saints Sunday
November 1 at 10:30 a.m.

We'll pray for those who have died in the past year, Pastor Gray will preach "Die with Him" based on John 11 and 14, and we'll celebrate All Saints day with the Bradley Hills Section Leaders led by Matthew Robertson sharing a special music offering of *Missa pro defunctis* by Spanish Mystic composer Tomas Luis de Victoria. Featuring soaring and intertwining vocal lines, deep and searching music from the high Renaissance and beautiful singing, we invite you to recognize All Saints Day with Bradley Hills.

Daylight Saving Time ends
Saturday, October 31



Interfaith Service on Livestream
Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m.

The service will be lead by Christian, Jewish and Muslim clergy, with short teachings from our traditions, this year on the theme; Love Your Neighbor as Yourself - *Even When You Think They Are Wrong*. There will be music, chanting and prayers. Following worship there will be a Zoom adult ed like discussion on the theme of worship, Q & A on religious topics with clergy, and breakout rooms to have fellowship and get to know members of other congregations.



The offering on Interfaith Sunday will benefit the Manna Food Center. If you want to make a donation to this important work, please write a check to BHPC and note "Manna" in the memo. You can also use online giving through the [BHPC website](#) "[Give Now](#)" button or through Realm by selecting "Interfaith Offering Fund."

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

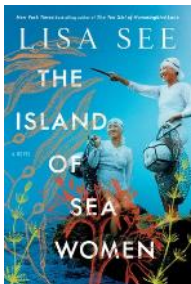
Exploring Membership: If you would like to learn more about BHPC, get connected or explore membership, email david@bradleyhillchurch.org for more information.

Bible Study, Wednesday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. Join David by Zoom at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday to discuss upcoming scripture. Please contact [Terry Brady](#) for the Bible Study Zoom link.

Friday Noon Prayer Time - New Format: Join Eunice on Friday, October 30 at noon for prayer by phone with a new format. 12:00-12:15 Prayer with Scriptures and a brief message (based on the Book of Common Prayer); 12:15-12:30 Fellowship (for those who can stay longer). Call 712-451-1098 and enter access code: 413906#

Saturday Church School: Every Saturday from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. on Zoom: All children in fifth grade and younger are invited to join DCE Matt Nabinger for a time of music, story, and virtual social engagement every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Parents and family members of children in fifth grade or younger are invited as well! Get ready to practice some crazy dance moves to beloved Vacation Bible School music, engage with the stories of our faith, and find connection. [Click here for Zoom link](#). Meeting ID: 811 4201 9450 Passcode: 520410

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. Our 30-minute weekly Zoom sessions will include a short warm-up for our voices and bodies, learning and singing new songs and revisiting old favorites, musical games, and discussion of new musical concepts and ideas in relation to our songs and anthems. [Email Marie Marquis](#) if you would like for your child to participate.



BHPC Book Group Meeting on Zoom, today from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. All are invited! The Book Group will be discussing *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. The book is about Women Sea Divers (Haenyeo) on the Korean island of Jahu. They earned their living by diving for sea foods to sell and the men took care of the children and the housework. *The Island of Sea Women* is an epoch set over many decades, beginning during a period of Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s, followed by World War II, the Korean War, and its aftermath. It is also the story of two young girls who are best friends. They come from very different backgrounds and societal changes will affect their friendship. Our very own Cindy Geer will discuss some of the historical background. She has a relative who used to live there. [Click here for Zoom link](#), Meeting ID: 858 5444 0609

November Lay Ministry Chairs Meeting On Zoom will be on Tuesday, November 10 because of Election Day on Tuesday, November 3.

Email Fishing Scam: If you receive an email from someone asking you to send them an iTunes card or Amazon card, etc. pretending to be David, please ignore it. This is a frequent scam, not a hack, but a scam where people pretend to be clergy in our area and ask members to send funds. Ignore emails that don't have the bradleyhillchurch.org suffix.

Reclaim Our Vote Phone Banking! It's time to make phone calls! We continue to support Reclaim Our Vote (ROV), a nonpartisan project of the Center for Common Good, a minority-led, nonpartisan nonprofit. From now until Election Day, we will call voters of color in states where ongoing voter suppression and voter list purging have disenfranchised millions. Using scripts, callers provide nonpartisan, local voting information or leave detailed messages. Callers don't ask for anything. ROV offers live phone bank training on Saturdays and Mondays, a self-guided training video, and even a training video for introverts! Guided national phone banks are offered almost daily. Bethesda Presbyterian invites us to a weekly Tuesday night Zoom phone bank from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. It's a great way to support each other. If you can phone bank even once before November 3, please contact [Joan Burns](#). She can provide links to ROV's phone bank training and the Tuesday night phone bank with Bethesda Presbyterian.



October Peace & Global Witness Offering: During the month of October, please give as generously as you can to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. One-quarter of the funds collected will allow us to partner with our Black brothers and sisters in Christ at a PCUSA church in Anacostia for their community garden project, and the remainder will support our denomination's ministries of peace, reconciliation, and justice in cultures of violence. Instructions for how to give online or by check are at the end of this bulletin under "Keeping Up with Giving During the Shutdown." If giving online, please select the "Peace & Global Witness" fund option. If by check, please write "PGW" in the memo line of your check. Together, let's make a difference in DC's Ward 8.

Annual Thanksgiving Baskets



Please join in our interfaith effort to provide Thanksgiving meals for 60 families in our area. You may sign up to donate a basket, gift card, or both. All donations benefit families in our area through A Wider Circle and the National Center for Children and Families. This is a great project for your family to do together! Anyone may donate a basket or gift card! [Click here to sign up and for more details!](#)



Fall Sermon Series: Discipleship in the Pandemic World



During these most unusual times, we need the rock of our faith perhaps more than ever. Fortunately, we worship a God who loves us so much to come to us in Jesus Christ to show us how to live, even in trying times. The Gospel of John presents a wonderful view of Jesus: who he was, how he loved and what he teaches. Join us this fall as we share a series of messages from John's Gospel about following Christ during these times.

October 25 Dedication Sunday

David preaching
"Dedicated to the Shepherd"
from John 10
Dedication of selves and resources

November 1 All Saints Sunday

Special Music
No communion
David preaching "Die with Him"
based on John 11 and 14
Celebrating those who have died in
the past year.
Daylight saving time ends.



November 8

Communion
David preaching on unity,
peace and love
John 13

November 15

Special Interfaith Service
David and Muslim, Jewish
and Christian clergy

November 22

DCE Matt Nabinger preaching

November 29

First Sunday of Advent
David preaching "Light" based on
John 1

Sermon Notes

1. Read John 10: 1-16 three times.
2. What does it mean to you that the Lord is your shepherd?
3. Are you ok being a sheep? When we realize we are in need of help, it can be good having a shepherd.
4. Try praying over Psalm 23.
5. What makes a shepherd good?
6. Give thanks that Jesus wants to give you abundant life.
7. Know that if you are lost, the shepherd will help find you.
8. How can you show dedication to the shepherd this week?
9. Where is the good shepherd leading you?

October Adult Ed Sunday at 9:15 a.m. on Zoom

October 25: Join Allyson McKinney Timm and other women lawyers of the congregation for a stimulating discussion of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as a human rights leader. The passing of "The Notorious RBG" brought deep emotions for many people, but just why was she such a hero to so many.

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

Meeting ID: 849 9652 6701, Password: 922151

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

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 2020 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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