

- October 2 World Communion Sunday, Shalom Sermon Series  
\*10:30-11:00 am Kids Sing, Rm 200, Pre-K—Grade 5  
\*11:00 am Sunday School, Rm 240, John Munday, facilitator, currently studying the book of John  
\*1:00 –3:00 pm GriefShare, Bob Burley, facilitator, Rm 240  
\*1:00—3:00 pm DivorceCare, Brenda Sims, facilitator, Rm 230
- 3 \*12:00 pm NEW Men’s Bible Study beginning, Rm 240, Bob Burley, facilitator, bring a sack lunch
- 4 \*6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes rehearsal, open H. School & up!  
\*7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers rehearsal, positions open for experienced ringers
- 5 \*7:00 pm Chancel Choir practice, join us! High School & Up!  
6:15 K.I.C.K (Kids in Christ’s Kingdom) children & youth invited!
- 6 \*9:30—11:00 am Mom’s Bible Study, childcare provided, moms of all ages welcome, Becky Miles, facilitator, Rm 230  
1:00 pm Games for Everyone, Rm 230
- 9 5:00 pm Blessing of the Animals, (Prayer Garden), monetary donations accepted for Mutts with a Mission
- 16 Deacon Ordination and Installation  
12:00 New Members Class begins

\*Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

**NEW!** Now you can scan the QR code with your camera on your cell phone and make your donation or pay your tithe, right from where you sit! Look for the QR code, in the bulletin, on our Facebook Live and YouTube feeds and on the screens during worship. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



**THANK YOU!** We collected 1,008 lbs of food for our Food for All food drive to benefit the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the House of Blessing, plus monetary donations to the Foodbank of \$300. God is good!

**Church office update:** Beginning October 3, office hours will be 8:30—4:30 Monday through Friday, 8:30—4:00 Friday.

Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org>;  
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Thank you for joining us for worship today.

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## *Shalom Sermon Series*

# *Seeking the Welfare*



*Great Bridge Presbyterian Church*  
*October 2, 2022*  
*17th Sunday after Pentecost*

**Order of Worship October 2, 2022**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost—World Communion**

*\*Stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

**Prelude** “Prelude in D. Major” J. K. F. Fischer

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

**\*Call to Confession** Tom Kral, Liturgist  
Despite the failure of our best efforts to be faithful in our living, God alone remains faithful, by keeping the promise to forgive us and to restore us to wholeness, to shalom that is God’s goal for the world.

**\*Time for Silent Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** *(all read)*

**We confess to you, Creator God, that we have not always viewed one another through your image. We have dehumanized and devalued others. We have sought to exclude for purity’s sake, rather than include for the sake of love. We have sought to control and keep people within bounds of our own making, instead of sharing the liberty that comes through faith in Christ Jesus. Forgive us. Call us into accountability. Widen our doors and open our borders. Break wide our hearts to your love, compassion, and healing. Lead us into the ways of justice, so that peace may prevail and shalom will come for all. It is in the name of Christ Jesus, who came to erase the lines that we have drawn, who bridges life through death into eternity, who forgives us of our sins, that we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God created you and knows you. God knows the very hairs on your head, your inmost thoughts, and your heart, and God loves you with infinite love. God forgives you, calls you into accountability to change your ways, and blesses you to go forth and love your neighbor as yourself.

**\*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*Response** “I’m So Glad!” Trad. Spiritual

*I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me. I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me.  
I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*I’m so glad, Jesus died for me. I’m so glad, Jesus died for me,  
I’m so glad, Jesus died for me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus died for me.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Passing the Peace**

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer** (using debts and debtors)  
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offertory** “Let Us Break Bread” Alleluia Ringers arr. Sandra Eithun

**\*Doxology** No. 606 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (Congregation will be seated following the prayer.)

**Scripture Reading** Amos 5:21-24; Jeremiah 14:10-13; 8:11

**Anthem** “Sim Shalom” *sung in Hebrew* arr. Wendy B. Stuart  
*Grant peace, grace and goodness, and with forgiveness  
and mercy upon us and upon all Israel, your people.*

**Sermon** “Seeking the Welfare” Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

**Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

**Apostles’ Creed** pg. 35

**Preparation for Communion** “Your Mercy Flows” Wes Sutton  
*Your mercy flows upon us like a river. Your mercy stands unshakable and true.  
Most holy God, of all good things the giver, We turn and lift our fervent prayer to you.  
Refrain Hear our cry, O Lord, be merciful once more.  
Let your love, your anger stem; remember mercy, O Lord, again. (repeat refrain)*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion, Words of Institution and Invitation**

*The congregation will take the elements together led by the pastor.  
Please come forward to receive communion elements.  
Ushers will serve those who prefer to remain seated.  
Gluten free options are available.*

**\*Closing Hymn** No. 322 We Are One in Christ Jesus SOMOS UNO

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** “Shalom to You” Carlton Young  
*Shalom to you, now, shalom, my friends, May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

**Postlude** “I Love thy Kingdom, Lord” Douglas E. Wagner