

Coming up!



- November 12 *9:30 am Traditional and 11:00 Contemporary worship schedules
Stewardship Dedication Sunday, both services
12:00 pm New Members' Class, Rm 260
*1:00 pm GriefShare, Rm 240 and DivorceCare, Rm 230
Advent Reader signups begin online
- 14 6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, Choir Suite
7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
- 15 *7:00 pm Chancel choir, Sanctuary
- 16 *7:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 19 *9:30 am Traditional and 11:00 Contemporary worship schedules
10:30 am Congregational meeting, Sanctuary
11:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Alleluia Rehearsal, Youth Room
*1:00 pm GriefShare, Rm 240 and DivorceCare, Rm 230
- 21 NO Harmonious Flute rehearsal, NO Alleluia Ringers rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Suite
7:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 22 NO Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 23 Thanksgiving Day, Office is closed
- 25 10:00 am Advent Wreath Workshop, Fellowship Hall



*Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us this morning, we are glad you are here! Please scan the QR code to register with our church. After worship stop by our Welcome Desk for a special gift and to learn more about GBPC!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday, November 19, immediately following the 9:30 am worship service, in the sanctuary, for the purpose of electing an elder for Worship and Music to replace Beth Doriani. The CNC has chosen Carolyn Lewis to be their slated nominee. Nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

THANKSGIVING BAGS—November 5-19! Help feed a family in need! Fill a bag and return by November 19.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP, November 25, 10:00 am, cost \$20. Sign up online!

ADVENT READERS NEEDED to light the Advent Candles beginning December 3. Sign up online!

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, December 3, 5:30 pm Mark your calendars for this annual service set aside to remember loved ones no longer with us.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT DECEMBER 10, 4:00 pm: "Carols with the Bells" featuring our Alleluia Ringers & guest musicians! PRE-CONCERT BAKE SALE to support the music ministry "Instruments of Peace" Singing Mission Trip, June 2024! Don't miss this "fun for the whole family" concert!

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, December 17, 10:00 am, "Sing Noel" featuring the Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and members of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org> Thank you for joining us for worship today.
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"Sharing Christ's love, equipping God's people" Founded in 1964



Great Bridge Presbyterian Church
November 12, 2023
24th Sunday after Pentecost
We are glad you have joined us!

**Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

Prelude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Mary McDonald
Monica Flitton, piano, Cheryl Madison, organ

Call to Worship Thankful from Pets Unleashed KIDS SING

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission ~ Stewardship Keith Zanni, Elder

***Hymn of Praise** No. 625 How Great Thou Art O STOR GUD

***Call to Confession** Kevin Brookshire, Liturgist
The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we come to God to confess our sins, first in silent prayer.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of All Grace, all that we are, all that we have, and all that we will become is a gift from You. Forgive us when we forget this, and assume that time and talent are made by us. Forgive us when we pridefully count our earnings, rather than delighting in Your gifts. Remind us of our high calling: to be the stewards of Your abundance, caretakers of all that You have entrusted to us. Make us faithful with little, and also with much, that we may give ourselves as You did, wholly and completely, even unto the cross, In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

***Glory to God, whose Love has set us free!**

***Response** No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me Paul M. Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

*(When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus,
who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity.*

When we pass the peace, we practice God's shalom.)

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 For the Beauty of the Earth

Patti Carlson, clarinet

***Doxology** No. 609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low: Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator; Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Scripture Jeremiah 2:4-13, OT, pg. 699

Kevin Brookshire, liturgist

Anthem Shall We Gather At the River

arr. John Carter

Robert Nolin, soloist

Sermon "Fruitful Generosity"

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Scripture Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, NT, pgs. 227-228

Song of Preparation The Table

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Wayne Jolley

KIDS SING, Contemporary Worship Team, Chancel Choir

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.

Dedication of Stewardship Pledges

Please bring pledge cards forward.

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Kirk Dearman

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving,

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of praise.

Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response** No. 634 To God Be the Glory (v1) TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son.

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord: let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give him the glory, great things he has done!

Postlude To God Be the Glory

Douglas E. Wagner