



- December 4 Advent II
*10:30 Kids Sing, Rm 200
11:00 Sunday School, Rm 240
1:00 GriefShare, Rm 240
1:00 DivorceCare, Rm 230
2:00 pm Women’s Ministries Christmas Tea (Youth Rm)
5:30 pm Service of Remembrance
- 5 *12:00 pm Men’s Bible Study, Rm 240, bring a sack lunch
6 6:30 Harmonious Flutes, 7:30 Alleluia Ringers
7 **6:15 pm** Chancel Choir rehearsal (Christmas recording)
9 5:00 pm Christmas Family Fun Night
10 8:00 am Jingle Jog, register online, proceeds benefit Young Life
12 Adopt a Senior items due
16 5:00 pm Parents Night Out
18 **10:00 am Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols—”Kneeling in Bethlehem”**
21 6:30 pm Gingerbread House Family Night
24 Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm Family and Contemporary Worship
8:00 pm Candlelight and Communion Service
25 10:00 am Christmas Day, Special ONLINE **only** worship service
w/family participation
- January 1 10:00 am New Year’s Day worship service
- *Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. **Thank you to those having turned in a financial pledge for 2023.** Pledging enables us to make plans for the coming year. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church’s website at www.gbpres.org. You may also give securely by texting, (833)-965-0647, or by scanning the QR code :



Church office hours: 8:30 am -4:30 pm, Monday - Thursday; 8:30 am—4:00 pm on Friday

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Sharing Christ’s love, equipping God’s people”

Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle: Hope for Those Who are Weary
Kaelu Cooley, Brianna Davis with signing by Jackie Roberts and Jane Davis

Responsive Litany
The Light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not overcome it.
During Advent our weary souls seek God’s daily strength.
The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.
The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.
The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:
Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Congregational Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.
Christ, Be Our Light! Joel Raney

Prayer for Advent

Carol of Advent No. 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion BEREDENVÄG FÖR HERRAN

***Call to Confession** Kate Bosley, Liturgist
John the Baptist’s cry echoes through the ages: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near! Here and now, we go to God in humility and faith, confessing our sins, first in silent prayer.

***Time for Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura
Christ comes into our world —Christ comes into our lives—to purify us and give us another chance. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We rejoice in the hope Christ offers us! Thanks be to God!

***Response** No. 132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” v3 IN DULCI JUBILO
Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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 “O Come Let Us Adore Him” Arnold B. Sherman
Alleluia Ringers

***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 Matthew 3:1-12 NT, pg, 2-3

Anthem “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hopson, arr. Emily Lund

Sermon “For the Glory of God” Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Scripture Romans 15:4-13 NT, pg. 163-164

***The Apostles’ Creed** GTG hymnal, pg. 35

Song of Preparation No. 129 Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming ES IST EIN’ ROS’

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. 82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response** No. 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” *(refrain)* GLORIA
Gloria in excelsis Deo! (repeat)

Postlude “Prepare the Royal Highway” Wilber Held

The Advent season is rich with tradition and symbolism. Our beautiful Advent tree is now adorned with symbols known as Chrismons. Today we celebrate the Angel, representing the angelic announcements at the birth and later the resurrection of Christ. Last year our Chrismons celebrated their 50th anniversary. Take a closer look at them, but please do not touch. They are very fragile.

