

Coming



- March 17 9:30 Traditional Worship, 11:00 Contemporary Worship
10:30 KIDS SING, REHEARSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR PALM SUNDAY
11:00 IMPACT Youth Group
1:00 pm GriefShare and DivorceCare, Rms 240 & 230
- 19 6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes resume rehearsals, Choir Suite
7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers resume rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 20 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 21 7:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 22 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, meets weekly, Rm 230
12:00 pm Season Saints luncheon, Fellowship Hall
- 23 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (rain or shine)
- 24 PALM SUNDAY, 9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 28 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday with Communion
- 29 GOOD FRIDAY, the office will close at noon
- 31 EASTER SUNDAY, 9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
- April 1 EASTER MONDAY, the church office will be closed



*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 our church.

EASTER LILIES—Today is the last Sunday to order Easter Lilies. Help us decorate our sanctuary for Easter by purchasing a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews and you may also purchase lilies on line. The cost is \$15.

EASTER EGG HUNT—Donations of FILLED EGGS are needed for our fun Easter Egg Hunt! Candy needs to be prepacked, not loose. Use the QR code to sign up to attend. On Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am, rain or shine! We need adult volunteers to hide eggs at 9:00 am...please volunteer.

ON MAUNDY THURSDAY we celebrate the sacrament of communion together, commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his crucifixion. In addition, at GBPC we also combine this service with a Tenebrae service, or Service of Darkness. As we hear each of the final words of Jesus upon the cross, the sanctuary is stripped of communion and liturgical symbols and becomes gradually darker until we are in total darkness. "...and when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour." (Mark 15:33) Worshipers leave the sanctuary in silence pondering the impact of Christ's death as we wait for the celebration of the coming Resurrection.

AARP TAX PREPARATION CONTINUES! Make your appointment and pickup your preparation packet for AARP Tax-aid. IRS certified preparers will be available, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8am-1pm, call 757-547-4741 to make an appointment.

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
March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Prelude When I Survey the Wondrous Cross John Innis
Janet Phelps, organ, Monica Flitton, piano

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Praise** No. 826 Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

***Call to Confession**

We come in humility before the Lord of all creation recognizing our many failings. We come together to confess our sins, asking God to hear our prayers and to fill us anew with His love. Let us pray together first in silent confession.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, we confess we have broken all our promises. We have not remained faithful. We are caught up in so many things that we sometimes forget to give thanks, to turn to You and acknowledge You, to even take a single moment for a deep breath, a reminder of Your Spirit among us. Call us into a holy pause. Remind us to slow down. Guide us into a more contemplative path of seeking You in every moment. Turn us away from the busyness of the world, and turn our hearts to Your pace, savoring all that You have made for us, this one holy and precious life. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who taught us how holy and precious our lives really are by laying down his own for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Paula Bass, Lay Pastor

Take a deep breath, and know God’s spirit is in you. Breathe out, and know God’s peace is all around you. Remember this: God is in every breath, God is in every moment, and you are beloved to God. You are cared for. You matter. Give thanks to God, and give grace to one another, and live into God’s peace. Amen

***Thanks be to God, our Redeemer.**

***Response** No. 443 There is a Redeemer

GREEN

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O My Father, for giving us your Son;
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

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 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Harmonious Flutes

arr. Brent Olstad

***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 31:31-34, OT, pg. 735

Peggy Muse, liturgist

Anthem Have Mercy Upon Me (Psalm 51) from *Glorious** see notes Abraham Kaplan
Taylor Mercier, soloist, Martha Sznoluch, flute, Andrew Reader, percussion

Have mercy upon me, have mercy, O God,
according to Thy loving kindness have mercy, O God.
Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Create in me a new heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Sermon “In With the New”

Paula Bass, Lay Pastor

Scripture John 12:14-21, NT, pg. 106

Paula Bass, Lay Pastor

***Closing Hymn** No. 264 at the Name of Jesus

KING’S WESTON

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response No. 313 “Lord, Make Us More Holy” v1
*Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

Trad. Spiritual

Postlude To God Be the Glory

arr. John Innis

MUSIC NOTES: The anthem for today, “Have Mercy Upon Me”, is composed by Abraham Kaplan. It is the second of twelve movements from his oratorio *Glorious, the Songs of Abraham*. Born in Israel, Kaplan came to America in 1954 to study at Julliard. Upon graduation he was invited to join the Juilliard faculty as Director of Choral Studies, a distinction he held from 1961-1977. He had a long-lasting musical collaboration with the great Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic. Kaplan later relocated to Seattle and directed choral studies at the University of Washington. He passed away in Tel Aviv, September 6, 2023.

We welcome Paula Bass, Lay Pastor, to the pulpit today during Lou’s absence and we also welcome Janet Phelps as our guest organist today while Cheryl is away.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of the birthday of Cliff Wrestler on March 24, by Joyce Wrestler.