

- March 5 \*9:30 am Youth Group begins, grades 6—12, Youth Rm  
\*10:30 am KIDS SING, Rm 200  
7 \*6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, Choir Suite  
\*7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary  
8 \*7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
9 \*7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary  
12 12:00 pm Communion Preparation Workshop  
14 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, Rm 260  
15 10:00 am Craft Day, Rm 260  
19 11:00 am—12:00 pm Communion Preparation Workshop  
21 6:30 pm Backyard Gardeners, Fellowship Hall  
24 12:00 pm Senior Saints Luncheon, Youth Rm  
26 11:00 am—12:00 pm Communion Preparation Workshop
- April 1 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, Sanctuary  
2 Palm Sunday  
Communion Sunday welcoming students from the Communion Preparation Workshop

\*Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

**Our Operation Tons of Love received 2,210 lbs of food that will benefit people in Hampton Roads! Many thanks to everyone who so generously donated. We also received word of monetary donations to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia in the amount of \$300. GOD IS GOOD!**

**Giving** is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at [www.gbpres.org](http://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

Check our website: <https://www.gbpres.org>; Guest Password for WiFi, believeingod  
Thank you for joining us for worship today.

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"Sharing Christ's love, equipping God's people"

# LENT



CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD;  
AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

PSALM 51:10

**Great Bridge Presbyterian Church**  
**March 5, 2023**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**



9:30 am Worship  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

**Prelude** “Wondrous Love” Steve Carlson, trumpet arr. John Purifoy

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** No. 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

**\*Call to Confession** Cindy Bitterman, liturgist  
We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

**\*Time for Silent Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** *(all read)*  
Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura  
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Thanks be to God! We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.**

**\*Response** No. 443 There is a Redeemer (v1,2) 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** “In the Garden” arr. Wayne P. Fritchie  
Harmonious Flutes, Patti Carlson, clarinet

**Doxology** No. 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**Scripture** Genesis 12:1-4a, OT, pg. 10 Cindy Bitterman, liturgist

**Anthem** “Just As I Am” Victor Johnson  
Patti Carlson, clarinet

**Sermon** “Starting Over” Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

**Scripture** John 3:1-17, NT, pg. 94 Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

**The Apostles' Creed** Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

**Song of Preparation** No. 518 Lamb of God vs1,3 Twila Paris

**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.*

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** No. 441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation” NETTLETON

**Charge and Benediction**

**Benediction Response** No. 313 “Lord, Make Us More Holy” v1 (words on screens) Trad. Spiritual

**Postlude** “Prelude and Fugue in E minor” J. S. Bach