

Coming



- April 14 9:30 Traditional Worship, 11:00 Contemporary Worship  
11:00 IMPACT Youth Group  
11:00 am Adult Bible Study, John Munday, facilitator, Rm 240  
12:00 pm Confirmation class, Youth Rm  
1:00 pm GriefShare and DivorceCare, Rms 240 & 230
- 15 DEADLINE for Elder Nominations
- 16 6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes resume rehearsals, Choir Suite  
7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers resume rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 17 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 18 7:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 19 6:00 pm Women's Bunco Night, Fellowship Hall
- 20 9:00 am "Instruments of Peace" rehearsal, Sanctuary
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- 22 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, meets weekly, Rm 230
- 26 6:00 pm Mutts with a Mission Graduation, Fellowship Hall
- 28 10:00 am Combined worship service  
11:00 am Congregational Meeting to elect a slate of Elders

\*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.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC)** is seeking nominations for elders, who are committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and are willing to serve Christ's Church as officers. Those nominated must be active members of GBPC and will be elected for three-year terms which begin in June. Nomination forms can be found in the narthex or use link provided on the church website. **Nominations are due April 15.**

**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.

**BE AN USHER!** Be a friendly face to people who walk in our doors! Smile and greet everyone. It isn't hard to be an usher and we NEED HELP at the 11:00 service! Please click on the QR and say YES!!!!

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  
April 7, 2024  
3rd Sunday of Easter

*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

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

**Prelude** Crown Him with Many Crowns Jerry Westenkuehler

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

**\*Call to Confession** Nancy Wolfe, liturgist  
Confession is admission, recognition, declaration, and agreement that we have participated in the wrong order of things -- in ways that don't further the Shalom of God. And then we repent and say we want to return to the order that God wants. Unless we admit that there is a problem, things can never return to the way they should be. Let us together pray our confession, first in silent prayer.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**  
Eternal God, we confess that we do not always choose your way of shalom, reunion and renewal. We lose the vision of the kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations will gather in the light of your presence. We hold on to our stubborn desire to be right instead of Christ-like, and we refuse to cross boundaries that you sent your Son to destroy, so we neglect to heal divisions and wounds in the human family. Forgive us. Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Friends, lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives. Reflect the light of God in you that shines through the darkness, and rejoice, for Christ is in our midst.

**\*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** Beautiful Savior James Kasen

**\*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** Isaiah 2:2-4, OT, pgs. 631-632 Nancy Wolfe, liturgist

**Anthem** Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me Craig Courtney

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I am, Be Thou alone my constant flame.  
Oh grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove; My every act, word, thought, be love.  
This love unwearied I pursue and dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav’nly fire!  
And day and night, be all my care, To guard this sacred treasure there.  
In suff’ring be thy love my peace; In weakness be Thy love my pow’r;  
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,  
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, and draw me safely to Thy side!

**Sermon** “The Song of Shalom” Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

**Scripture** Micah 4:1-5, NT, pg. 864 Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

**\*Closing Hymn** No. 340 This Is My Song FINLANDIA

**\*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** Hornpipe in D John S. Dixon

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*The arranger of the beautiful setting of “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”, is Craig Courtney (b.1948). Craig is a native of Indiana. He began playing piano at the age of three and the cello at the age of eleven. He received a Bachelors and Masters degree in piano performance at the University of Cincinnati. He is a prolific composer of choral music, piano solo collections and extended works for choir and orchestra. He is in demand as a choral clinician and featured composer. Craig currently lives in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife Susan and serves The Church at Mill Run, directing the choir and planning and leading several worship services each Sunday.*