

Coming



- April 21 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
- 23 6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes resume rehearsals, Choir Suite
7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers resume rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 24 5:30 pm WNL, Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm K.I.C.K., Rm 290
6:15 pm Bible Study, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 25 NO Contemporary Worship rehearsal this week
- 26 6:00 pm Mutts with a Mission Graduation, Fellowship Hall
- 27 9:00 am "Instruments of Peace" rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 28 10:00 am Combined Worship Service
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
12:00 pm Confirmation class, Youth Rm
1:00 pm GriefShare and DivorceCare, Rms 240 & 230
- 29 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, meets weekly, Rm 230



*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.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK, Wednesday, April 24! What is YOUR heritage? Bring a dish you love from your own background.

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. 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!!!!

WomenSING SUNDAY! Looking ahead to June 16! On Father's Day we will have a WomenSING Sunday. All women and girls, all ages are welcome to come and sing, NO REHEARSAL! Just show up, 9:00 am for the 9:30 am service. It will be fun! Jotform signup available! Or SEE BILLYE!

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 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Prelude Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Praise** No. 396 Brethren We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

***Call to Confession** Laila Hayes, liturgist

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us through his infinite goodness and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together, first in silent prayer.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of light and life, you set before us today the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness; of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ. As the people of God in this place, we know that a crucial part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world through the way we love and care for one another. Merciful God, forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us of the One who is to come. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through us. Cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving not only our neighbor but the stranger, so that our lives radiate faith through active love, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Even though you may doubt and question, God's love is poured on you, in you, and through you to others. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you, neither of which will ever fail or abandon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed, restored, and forgiven.

Hallelujah!***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 Offertory on Psalm 23

Gordon Young

***Doxology** No. 609

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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 54:9-10; Ezekiel 37:26, OT, pgs. 685, 807

Laila Hayes, liturgist

Anthem The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Mack Wilberg

Lee Anne Lamkin, Martha Sznoluch, flute

Sermon "The Covenant of Peace"

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Scripture Ezekiel 34:25-31, OT, pg. 804

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Scripture Psalm 23 (KJV) *read responsively*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

3 He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

***Closing Hymn** No. 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

V1 SOLO Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes. *Refrain* CHOIR

Refrain The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes *shalom*.

V2 CHOIR Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain* ALL

V3 ALL Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain* ALL

***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 The God of Abraham Praise

Michael Burkhardt