

Coming



- April 7 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
- 10 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11 7:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 13 1:00-7:00 pm 2nd Annual Eleanor R. Williamson Piano Competition, Sanctuary
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- 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
- 22 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, meets weekly, Rm 230
- 26 6:00 pm Mutts with a Mission Graduation, Fellowship Hall
- 30 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. You may also give securely by texting, (833)-965-0647, or by scanning the QR code.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY—Today is our monthly Food Pantry Sunday, held the first Sunday of every month. Please contribute non-perishable food items and place them in the bin outside the Wisdom Well.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Prelude Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Praise** No. 246 Christ is Alive! TRURO

***Call to Confession** Cindy Bitterman, liturgist
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God, first in silent prayer.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
Holy God, we confess our doubts. When our childhood understandings fall away, we feel naked. When our long-held beliefs seem to crumble, we feel lost. When our convictions are questioned, we feel ashamed. Guide us into right paths, O God. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Guide our hands to care for others and our hearts to love others. Call us back to You, O Christ, and renew our faith. When the ground is unsteady, loving God, put us back on right paths by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with You. Amen.

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

The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup. God binds us in, counsels our minds and instructs our hearts. God helps us to stand firm for justice, mercy, and peace. When we fall, God lifts us up, forgives us, and remembers our sins no more.

***Response** No. 239 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing GELOBT SEI GOTT
*The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*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 This Joyful Eastertide John Leavitt

***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, pg. Cindy Bitterman, liturgist

Anthem I Know that My Redeemer Lives Stan Pethel

Sermon "Seeking the Welfare" Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Scripture Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, OT, pg. 731 Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

The Apostles' Creed Glory to God Hymnal, pg. 35

Song of Preparation No. 515 I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free;
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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. 264 at the Name of Jesus KING'S WESTON

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** No. 587 Alleluia CELTIC ALLELUIA

Postlude Hymn to Joy Albert L. Travis

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*In Memory*  
*The white roses this morning are in loving memory of Steve Cotton who passed away  
March 27 and Phil Muncie, March 31.*