

Coming



- May 5 9:30 Traditional Worship, 11:00 Contemporary Worship
10:30 am KIDS Sing, Rm 200
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
- 6 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, meets weekly, Rm 230
- 7 6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes resume rehearsals, Choir Suite
7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers resume rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 8 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9 NO Contemporary Worship rehearsal this week
- 11 9:00 am "Instruments of Peace" rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 12 9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
KIDS Sing, Singing in worship, will resume rehearsals for VBS in July
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
- 17 6:00 pm Mutts with a Mission Graduation, Fellowship Hall, ticket required
- 18 9:00 am "Instruments of Peace" rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 22 11:00 am Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary
- 23 11:00 am and 12:30 pm Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary
- 25 9:00 am "Instruments of Peace" rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 26 9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship



*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.

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
May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Prelude Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Praise** No. 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

***Call to Confession** Margaret Gay, liturgist
We have all sinned and fallen short of what God intends for us. In humility let us come together and make our confession before God, first in silent prayer.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
God who Opens, we confess that we are often the ones to leave doors closed. We are often the ones who build up the walls and break down the bridges. We are the ones who want to define who people are as for us or against us, as worthy of love or not. But You continually have torn down the walls and built bridges. You have continually drawn the circle wider. God, may we be open to Your spirit doing new things in our lives. May we be open to Your people, who may not fit our own labels. May we remember that the most important identifier is our love, and if we love one another, we are living as You have commanded us. Lord, lead us and call us into Your ways of love that always opens more doors. Help us to choose love over hate and inclusion over exclusion. Mold us to share the light of Your love in all we do. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. Know this: when everything else passes away, love remains. Love will never leave us. There is nothing you can do, no place you can go, where love will not be with you, where love will not find you. God loves you deeply and will search for you to the ends of the earth. Friends, be full of all the hope and joy and peace that is found in Christ Jesus. You are forgiven, loved, and restored.

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.

Receiving New Members

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura, Rev. Marty Phillips

9:30 Scott Lorimer, Shannon Lorimer, Mike Lorimer, Regina Lorimer

11:00 Justin Jaynes, Heather Jaynes

The Apostles’ Creed

Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

*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 Christ There Is No East or West

Mark Hayes

***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** I John 5:1-6 , NT, pg. 241

Margaret Gay, liturgist

Anthem Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

Taylor Mercier, soloist

Sermon “Commanded and Commissioned”

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Scripture John 15:9-17, NT, pgs. 109-110

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

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.

Song of Preparation No. 530 One Bread, One Body

John P. Foley

***Closing Hymn** No. 317 In Christ There is No East or West

MCKEE

CHOIR In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

ALL In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord close-binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate’er your race may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Paul Manz