

**This Week!**



November 9 10:00 am Combined Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Congregational meeting TODAY  
\*1:00 pm GriefShare, Room 240; DivorceCare, Room 230  
11 \*6:15 pm Harmonious Flutes, \*7:15 pm Alleluia Ringers  
12 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary  
13 5:30 pm Outreach Committee meeting, Rm. 240  
15 10:00 am Parents' Morning Out  
16 10:45 am and 12:15 pm C.A.S.T. training with lunch provided  
\*12:00 pm Youth Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

\* 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** We will hear and act upon a report by the PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee.) All members of the church may vote. We encourage everyone to stay for this important meeting in the life of our church. You will need to check in at the registration table outside the sanctuary.

**STEWARDSHIP THEME "GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD":** Our annual stewardship campaign continues. If you were unable to turn your 2026 pledge card in last week, we are still accepting pledges for the ongoing work of our church.

**GIVING:** A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at [www.gbpres.org](http://www.gbpres.org). You may give securely by scanning the QR code.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Today is the last day to return boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE!** Scan the QR code to update your contact information. A station is set up in the fellowship hall for photos, before, during and after worship, and at Wednesday Night Live. Last day for photos, December 7. Updated contact information must be done in advance of having a photo taken.

**CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** We are seeking nominations for elders and deacons. Please prayerfully consider nominating someone to serve.

**C.A.S.T. TRAINING:** There will be training for those wishing to help with the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team program on November 16 at 10:45 am or 12:15 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please see Sam Howard for more information.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** Thank you for helping fill Thanksgiving Food Baskets for local families in NEED! Please purchase items from the grocery list provided in the church email and return by November 23.

**ADVENT READERS NEEDED!** Advent begins November 30. Be a part of this special time of year by volunteering to help light the Advent Candles (both services.) Sign up online through the church email or QR Code.

Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org>

Thank you for joining us for worship today. There's a place for you here!  
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## Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

November 9, 2025

**10:00 am Combined Worship**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

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

*Congregation reads **bold print.***

**Gathering Music** Great Is The Lord arr. Mark Hayes

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
**make known the Lords deeds among the peoples!**  
Sing to the Lord, sing praises to our God;  
**tell of all God's wondrous works!**  
Glory in God's holy name;  
**Great is the faithfulness of God to all generations!**

**\*Opening Song** Great Is Thy Faithfulness Bradley Knight

**\*Call to Confession** Amy Brand, Liturgist  
Together let us make our confession to the Lord for the wrongs we have committed and the ways we have failed to be the people we have been called to be, first in silent prayer.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** Amy Brand, Liturgist  
**Lord, in the midst of our thanksgiving, we so often lose sight of the gifts you have given us so freely. We know that we forget about you, we forget to love our neighbors, and we forget to give you thanks. Forgive us. Help us to live today and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

*re: Worship, Scripturally-based resources for worship planners and leaders*

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal  
God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people.

**\*Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response** God You're So Good Kristian Stanfill and Brett Younker

**Passing the Peace** Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**The Offertory** They Shall Soar Like Eagles Laura Manzo  
Kathy Daniels, flute, Mike Daniels, cello

**\*Doxology** No. 608 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hal. H. Hopson  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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

**Scripture** Psalm 98, OT, pgs. 551-552 Amy Brand, Liturgist

**Anthem** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms\* Eric Nelson  
What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh! How sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Scripture** Haggai 2:1-9, OT, pgs. 878-879 Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**Sermon** "Take Courage" Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**Closing Song** I'm So Blessed arr. Dan Galbraith  
Combined Music Ministry

The called Congregational Meeting will begin immediately following worship.  
Families will have time to get their children from Sunday School.  
The nursery will remain open for the meeting.

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**Postlude** Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Instrumental Reprise)

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We wish to express our appreciation to all of the members of our combined music ministry for sharing in this collaborative worship service today along with a special welcome to Butch Barnard for joining us.

It is a special joy to welcome **Mike and Kathy Daniels** to our worship service this morning. Mike and Kathy met at the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati while working on their graduate degrees. They founded the Adagio Trio in 1985, a harp, flute, and cello ensemble, which recorded 5 CDs and numerous digital recordings over the years. The Adagio Trio became a long-distance trio and performed concerts in Ohio, Florida, and Virginia after Mike became principal cello of the Virginia Symphony in 1990. In June 2025, he retired from the principal cello but continues to play in the symphony part-time. Both Mike and Kathy teach and freelance in the area.

*Thanks for worshipping with us! There's a place for you here!*