

This Week!



- May 31 9:30 am Traditional Worship*, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship*
11:00 am Junior Choir rehearsal, Choir Suite
11:00 am Adult Sunday School, Jim Lewis, Facilitator
12:00 pm Youth Worship Team rehearsal
- June 3 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, "Practicing the Way", Rev. Marty Phillips, facilitator
12:15 pm Military Family Bible Study, Rm 200, Tiffany Borchardt, facilitator
7:00 pm Chancel choir rehearsal*, Sanctuary
- 4 5:30 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal*, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Find the Time: What Christians Can Do Today, Rm 240, Sam Grady leads

*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 and stop by our Welcome Desk to learn more about GBPC!

GIVING: A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at www.gbpres.org. You may also give by scanning the QR code. We now accept Apple pay.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Students, grades 4—7 this is a new opportunity for you! See or email Billye Brown Youmans, music@gbpres.org. We have plans to sing in worship and also share music at the VERO, a senior residence.


SAVE THE DATE NORFOLK TIDES! "Take me out to the ballgame!" Save the date for a GBPC trip to see the Norfolk Tides play, on June 13! Sign ups are due by June 3 and the cost is \$17.

IMPACT YOUTH! School's Out Skate Night—Rising 6th and Youth, 5:30pm —9:00 pm, contact Hollie Writtenberry, hollie@gbpres.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 13-15, 5:30—8:00 pm Vacation Bible School—Three nights. Signups are now open! We need lots of volunteers, too!

We have a Mother's Room, directly across from the Sanctuary for nursing mothers and families who need a quiet space. The worship service can be heard through our sound system.

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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"Sharing Christ's love, equipping God's people"
Founded 1964



Great Bridge Presbyterian Church
May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in G Major J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kim Priddy

***Call to Worship** Rev. Kim Priddy

Our gracious God has created us and called us his own.

Let us worship the triune God.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

Let us worship the triune God.

The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!

***Hymn of Praise** No. 2 Come, Thou Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN

***Call to Confession** Doug Bitterman, Liturgist

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew us.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** Doug Bitterman, Liturgist

Loving God, we are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on things of the self and give little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Kim Priddy

Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Response** No. 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***Passing the Peace**

Words for the Children

Rev. Kim Priddy

Children will leave for Sunday School following Words to the Children.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Psalm 8, OT, pg. 492

Doug Bitterman, Liturgist

Anthem Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Mark Hayes

The choir will sing verses 1-3 and the congregation will join on verse 4.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Blessed Trinity! Blessed Trinity!

Scripture Genesis 1:1-2:4a, OT, pgs. 1-2

Rev. Kim Priddy

Sermon “In the Beginning”

Rev. Kim Priddy

Offertory Pastorale on “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Franklin D. Ashdown

***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**

***Closing Hymn** No. 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Kim Priddy

Postlude Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN

Gordon Young



Sacred Music in America.....Sacred Worship

Early American Presbyterian worship followed distinct patterns based on the Historic “Directory for the Publick Worship of God” (often called the Westminster Directory). This was a 17th-century liturgical manual created to replace the Anglican Book of Common Prayer and was produced by the Westminster Assembly in 1644-1645. Key parts of the guidelines included:

Scriptural Focus: The reading and preaching of the Word was a central focus of public worship.

Free Prayer: Ministers were encouraged to pray according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit rather than reading written prayers, though it specifically recommended the Lord’s Prayer to be used.

Sabbath Observance: There was specific guidance to the strict, holy observance of the Lord’s Day.

Simplicity: Recommendations removed traditional ceremonies, such as the sign of the cross in baptism or kneeling for communion.

Additionally, there were instructions for the public reading of scriptures and prayer, preaching the Word, administering the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, singing of Psalms, the visitation of the sick and the burial of the dead. Herein is a brief excerpt from the section entitled: “Of the Assembling of the Congregation, and their Behaviour in the Publick Worship of God.”

(Note: No whispering, sleeping, or gazing about.)

“The publick worship being begun, the people are wholly to attend upon it, forbearing to read any thing, except what the minister is then reading or citing; and abstaining much more from all private whisperings, conferences, salutations, or doing reverence to any person present, or coming in; as also from all gazing, sleeping, and other indecent behaviour, which may disturb the minister or people, or hinder themselves or others in the service of God.”