THIS WEEK!

GREAT BRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November	29	9:30 am Traditional Worship; 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am KIDS SING, Room 200; Junior Choir, Choir Suite 10:30 am Thanksgiving Basket Food Sort, Fellowship Hall 11:00 am IMPACT Youth Group, Kari's Cove 11:00 Adult Sunday School, Room 240 12:00 pm Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	30	Church Officer Nominations Deadline
December	2	10:00 am Rebekah Circle, Room 230 1:00 pm PW Monthly Meeting, Room 230
	5	5:30 pm IMPACT Youth Group's Fundraiser during Christmas Parade
	6	10:45 am and 12:15 pm CAST Volunteer Training, Room 230 2:00 pm PW Christmas Tea 5:30 pm Service of Remembrance

Check our website for a complete list of upcoming events and latest updates: gbpres.org

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.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS: The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is seeking active GBPC members who are committed to Jesus Christ and willing to serve the Church as elders or deacons for three-year terms beginning in June. Serving is a meaningful opportunity to support Christ's work through GBPC. Nomination forms are available by scanning QR code. **All nominations are due November 30**.

ADVENT CANDLE READERS: WE STILL HAVE SOME OPENINGS! We look forward to the Advent season with great anticipation. Be a part of this special season by signing up to light the Advent Candles. Scan the QR Code or use the link in the weekly church email to sign up. All readings will be sent to you. We love to have families, friends, small groups, any and all are welcome to participate.

POINSETTIA ORDERS: We will begin taking orders for Poinsettias, December 6 to adorn the sanctuary for Christmas. Orders may be placed through the QR code, on our church website or by using an envelope from the pew.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Please join us on December 6 at 5:30 pm for our annual Service of Re-membrance, a time to remember and celebrate loved ones no longer with us.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. There's a place for you here!
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Great Bridge Presbyterian Church
November 29, 2026; 9:30am
1st Sunday of Advent

*Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.
Congregation responds with the text in **bold print**.

Prelude **Come, Thou Almighty King** arr. Douglas Wagner

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kim Priddy

***Passing the Peace**
(When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. When we pass the peace, we practice God's shalom.)

Lighting the Advent Candle - Hope The Youmans Family

Prayer for Advent

Carol of Advent No. 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

***Call to Confession** Doug Bitterman, Liturgist
In scripture, we see people cry out to God with honesty and authenticity. The Psalmists pray, "How long, O God?" They beg, "Come and save us," and "Let your face shine upon us." From their raw honesty, we know that we can go to God with just as much honesty about the truth of our lives. So let us join together in the Prayer of Confession just as the Psalmists prayed, first in silent prayer.

***Time for Silent Confession**

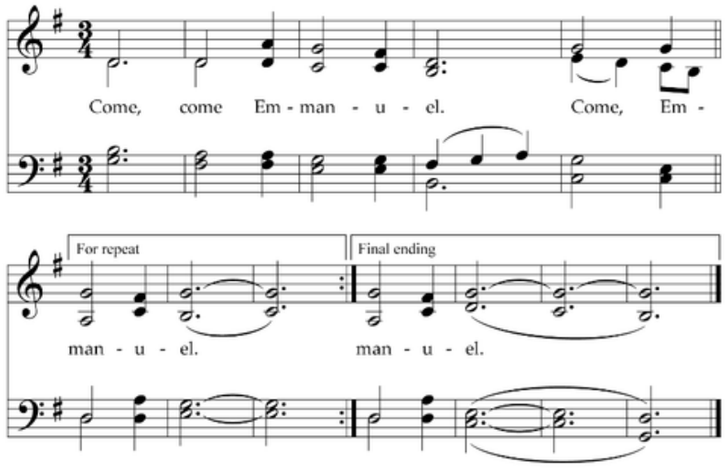
***Prayer of Confession** Doug Bitterman, Liturgist
Holy God, we have been known—
to bite our tongues,
to work through a broken heart,
to put on our favorite rose-colored glasses.
We have been known—
to look for the bright side,
to sweep the pain under the rug,
to choose ignorance for the benefit of bliss.
We have been known to keep the hurt in our heart to ourselves.
Forgive us for filtering our honesty, for ignoring the power of lament, and for not turning to you first. Remind us that you are a God who listens and that you are a God who restores.
With open hearts, we pray. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Kim Priddy

Family of faith, whether you pray like the Psalmists – raw and unfiltered – or you can't remember the last time you were honest with God, God still loves you. God sees you. And God longs to be in relationship. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

There is nothing we could do or say that will keep God's love at bay. We are seen, forgiven, and invited – into a deeper relationship with God. Come, Emmanuel!

***Response** No. 91 Come, Come Emmanuel James J. Chepponis



Words to 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(using debts & debtors) Amy Brand
Assisting Elder, Worship & Music

Scripture Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; OT: pages 540-541 Doug Bitterman, Liturgist

Anthem O Come, Emmanuel Don Besig
Lee Anne Lamkin, flute

Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9; OT: pages 540-541 Rev. Kim Priddy

Sermon "Until the Dawn… Cry Out"

Affirmation of Faith (Until the Dawn)
We believe
even on the longest nights— when our steps are unclear and fear takes hold—
that the sun is still rising.
We believe in that sunrise
like we believe in God's promised day.
So instead of giving in to the great unknown, we move, in spirit, toward that light.
We summon our courage.
We carry each other.
We dance under the stars.
We listen for the angels.
And we believe the good news of the gospel, which says that God loves
God's creation so fiercely that God took on flesh to be with us.

Offertory Il Est Né Sandra Eithun
Alleluia Ringers

Open Hands: Giving Generously Because God Has Been Generous

As we continue to plan and pray for 2027, we invite you to submit your pledge card or online pledge if you haven't yet had the opportunity to do so.

***Offertory Response** 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**

***Hymn of Sending Forth** No. 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World TEMPLE OF PEACE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** O Come, Emmanuel arr. Mark Hayes

We welcome Janet Phelps as our guest organist today during Cheryl's absence.

Worship Matters… Advent

Today, we begin our Advent journey to Bethlehem. Advent is the 4-week liturgical season of waiting and preparation that marks the beginning of the church year. The word comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming" or "arrival". Christians look toward Christ's birth at Christmas, his presence in the lives of believers, and his promised Second Coming at the end of time. Our theme for the season is "Until the Dawn" from Sanctified Art. This Sunday, we ponder the idea "Cry Out". We will explore various scriptures and offer a different worship theme each week that helps us see God's work throughout scripture leading us toward the great celebration on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the coming of our Savior.

NEXT WEEK: The color of Advent and the Advent Wreath.

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