

Coming up!



April	27	9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am KIDS SING 11:00 IMPACT Youth Group 12:00 Youth Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary 1:00 pm GriefShare, DivorceCare
	29	6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, 7:15 pm Alleluia Ringer rehearsals
	30	12:00 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 2:30 pm Yahtzee, Room 230 5:30 pm WNL, Fellowship Hall 6:15 pm GBPC Learning Series, “Gardening Workshop”, Fellowship Hall 6:15 pm KICK (Kids in Christ’s Kingdom), GBPC playground 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
May	1	6:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary
	4	4:00 pm Candlelight Concert featuring the Oscar F. Smith High School Chamber Orchestra
	18	10:00 am Youth Sunday, Combined Worship Service, Recognition of Graduating Seniors


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.

EASTER LILY PICKUP—If you ordered an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of someone, you may pick up the lily following the worship service today.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT: May 4, 4:00 pm, Join us for a fun afternoon with the Oscar F. Smith High School Chamber Orchestra, Deanna Kringle, Director, free and open to the public. The Freewill Offering will benefit the orchestra.

CLASS OF 2025: GBPC would like to honor the Class of 2025 on Sunday, May 18 in our combined worship service. If you would like to honor your student, please use the link in the church email or scan the QR code above. We welcome all High School, College, and Post-Graduate students.

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

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

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. 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! HYMN TO JOY

***Call to Confession** Laila Hayes, Youth Liturgist
When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace. Let us confess our sins to the Lord, first in silent prayer.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**
God of empty tombs and emptier people:
when we hesitate to speak of your hope,
forgive us, and give us a voice.
When we find it difficult to love one another,
forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.
When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.
When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,
forgive us, and send us out to share you grace.
When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

***Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Rebecca Lesley
Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all.

***Thanks be to God.**

***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 the Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

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 Acts 5:27-32, NT, pg. 123 Laila Hayes, Youth Liturgist

Anthem Mary At The Tomb Bradley Ellingboe

Mary came very early to the tomb to seek her Lord.
She found it empty and wept for the sorrow of it all.
But an angel, bright as snow, appeared before her,
Saying, “Mary, Fear not! For your Lord is alive!”
Mary ran to her friends! Told the disciples Jesus yet lived!
But some doubted when suddenly the Lord himself was there,
Saying, “Peace.” “Peace.”

Note: The choir will exit the chancel to sit in the congregation following the anthem.

Scripture John 20:19-31, NT, pg. 115 Rev. Rebecca Lesley

Sermon “Hand-Witness Testimony” Rev. Rebecca Lesley

Closing Hymn No. 238 Thine is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Postlude on HYMN TO JOY Albert L. Travis

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!  
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*Music notes*

With Easter Sunday we began the period in the church year known as **Eastertide**, the period of 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. Eastertide is a time for celebrating and reflecting on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the core of our faith and the high point in the Christian year.

We welcome **Rev. Rebecca Lesley** as our guest minister while Pastor Donna is on vacation. Rev. Lesley is the former pastor at the Suffolk and Green Acres Presbyterian churches. She is currently serving as the part-time bridge pastor for Franklin Presbyterian church. She is also a full-time Certified/Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant at Seaside Occupational Therapy in Hampton.

Rebecca is married to Patrick, a chemistry teacher at Hickory HS in Chesapeake, mom to Laura (18) and Miriam (14), and cat mom to Starbuck, Jenny, and Flynn. She also helps as a volunteer leader for Miriam's Girl Scout troop. In the odd moments of free time, she loves baking, gardening, crafting paper flowers, and spinning yarn for her knitting projects.