

Great Bridge Presbyterian Church  
November 30, 2025, 11:00 am Service  
First Sunday of Advent ~ Light in the Darkness

This Week!



Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Special Recognition of Debbie Acors

Opening Songs

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Angels from Thy Realms

Lighting the Advent Candle—Hope The Frassman family

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5, OT, pgs. 631-632 Carolyn Lewis, Reader

Meditation Song (congregation will remain seated)  
Here I Am to Worship

Scripture Matthew 24:36-44, NT, pgs. 27-28 Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

Sermon “Ready & Waiting” Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

Offering Statement

Greeting One Another

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Closing Song Here I Am to Worship (reprise)

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Angels We Have Heard on High

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We welcome Brad Boyette to lead worship this morning while Cathy Sturgeon is away.

Today we begin our Advent journey to Bethlehem. Our theme for the season is “The Light Has Come.” 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.

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| November | 30 | ADVENT I *9:30 am Traditional Worship, *11:00 am Contemporary Worship<br>*9:30 am & *11:00 am Sunday School<br>*10:30 am KIDS SING, Room 200<br>*10:30 am Boomwhackers! Room 230<br>*11:00 am IMPACT Youth Group<br>*11:00 am Adult Sunday School, Room 240<br>*12:00 pm Youth Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary<br>*1:00 pm GriefShare, Room 240; DivorceCare, Room 230 |
| December | 2  | 6:15 pm Harmonious Flutes; 7:15 pm Alleluia Ringers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|          | 3  | 6:15 pm Chancel Choir sectional rehearsals<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|          | 4  | 5:30 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|          | 6  | 4:30 pm IMPACT Youth Fundraise during Chesapeake Christmas Parade                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|          | 7  | ADVENT II *9:30 am Traditional Worship, *11:00 am Contemporary Worship<br>2:00 pm Presbyterian Women’s Christmas Tea<br>5:30 pm Service of Remembrance                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

\* 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.

**STEWARDSHIP “GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD”:** We rejoice that we have had 14 new pledging individuals/families. We are still accepting pledges for the work and mission of the church. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to pledge for the coming year. We thank those who have already pledged. **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.

**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. Last day for photos is December 7. Updated contact information must be done in advance of having a photo taken. Regular attenders at GBPC, please have your picture taken. The directory is not only used for church members.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS:** We will begin taking orders for Poinsettias, December 7 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 7 at 5:30 pm for our annual Service of Remembrance, a time to remember and celebrate loved ones no longer with us.

**SEASONED SAINTS BUS TRIP TO THE CHRYSLER MUSEUM:** Join the Seasoned Saints on December 9, 10:15—3:00 pm for a bus trip, guided tour and lunch at Freemason Abbey! Sign up in the Narthex.



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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