

This Week!



October	26	*9:30 am Traditional Worship, *11:00 am Contemporary Worship *9:30 am & *11:00 am Sunday School *10:30 am KIDS SING, Room 200 *10:30 am Boomwhackers! Room 230 *11:00 am IMPACT Youth Group *11:00 am Adult Sunday School, Room 240 *12:00 pm Youth Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary *1:00 pm GriefShare, Room 240; DivorceCare, Room 230 4:00 - 6:00 pm Trunk or Treat
	28	*6:15 pm Harmonious Flutes, *7:15 pm Alleluia Ringers
	29	5:30 pm WNL Dinner 6:15 pm KICK (Kids In Christ's Kingdom), Room 290 6:15 pm Leaning Series; Fred Hughes, Basics of Investing and Retirement *7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
	30	5:30 pm Contemporary Worship 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.

**STEWARDSHIP THEME "GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD":** Our annual stewardship campaign continues with our dedication Sunday scheduled for November 2. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to pledge for the ongoing work and mission of GBPC. We are blessed to be the active and outward looking church we are because of your generosity and faithful giving.

**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:** Take a box and fill it! Last day to return boxes is November 9.

**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.

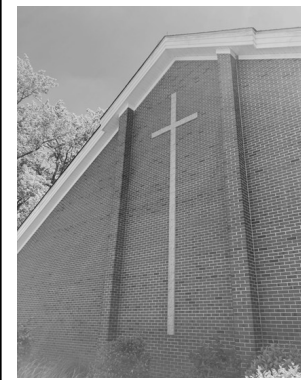
**TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 26** TODAY ~ 4:00 pm—6:00 pm—Helpers needed for setup/cleanup

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

**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 website.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH** or just learning more about GBPC? See or email **Amy Brand** ([amybrand04@gmail.com](mailto:amybrand04@gmail.com)) to find out how! NEW MEMBERS CLASS, November 2, 12:00 pm—2:00 pm.

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

### October 26, 2025 ~ 9:30 am

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

*Congregation reads **bold** print.*

**Prelude** How Firm A Foundation

arr. Edwin Child

Colin Galvin, trumpet

### Welcome and Announcements

### Minute for Stewardship

Meg Mann

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 46)*

Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

**So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.**

**Let us worship God, whose kingdom is forever!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

**\*Call to Confession**

Nancy Wolfe, Liturgist

Since we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we all are called to confess our shortcomings, trusting in God's grace, first in silent prayer.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**     *Martin Luther (1483-1546)*     Nancy Wolfe, Liturgist  
**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are faultless. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**     Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal  
Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks.

**\*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Response** No. 582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me     Paul M. Vasile  
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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**     Great Is Thy Faithfulness     Sandra Eithun  
Alleluia Ringers

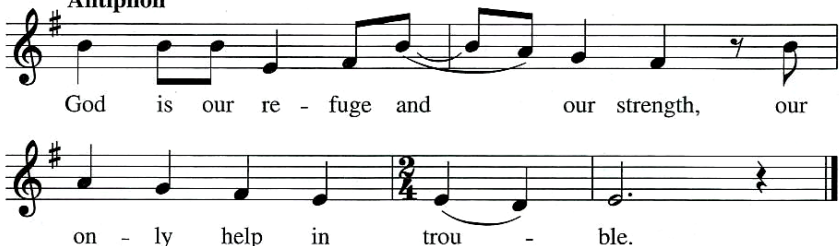
**\*Doxology** No. 608 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow     Hal H. Hopson  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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

**Scripture**     Joel 2:23-32, OT, pg. 848     Nancy Wolfe, Liturgist

**Anthem**     God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (*Psalm 46*)     John Behnke  
Colin Galvin, trumpet, Alleluia Ringers  
*Note: The choir will exit the chancel to sit in the congregation following the anthem.*  
Congregation will sing the Antiphon (refrain)

Choir and congregation:  
Antiphon



**Scripture**     Luke 19:1-10, NT, pg. 69     Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**Sermon**     “What Saves Us”     Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**Closing Hymn** No. 643 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**     Ein Feste Burg     Paul Manz

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