

# FAMILY WORSHIP

## Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

December 7, 2025~ Family Worship  
Second Sunday of Advent ~ 11:00 a.m.

This Week!



**Gathering Music**—We come to worship hearing joyful music.

**Welcome**—Everyone is welcomed and we hear about things happening.

**Special Music**—Fun music

**Advent Wreath Lighting**—We light the candle for Peace reminding us that Jesus came to bring peace to all people.

**Opening Songs**—We sing songs of joy to praise the Lord.

**Greeting Each Other**—We share the peace of God's love with God's family.

**The Scriptures**—God's Word tells us God's story and how much God loves us.

**Meditation Song**—A song to help us get ready to hear the sermon.

**Sermon**—Our pastor talks about what the scriptures mean and how God wants us to live today.

**The Offering**—We give offerings to God out of gratitude for our many blessings.

**Affirmation of Faith**—We say what we believe as Christians.

**Communion**—Sometimes it is called The Lord's Supper because it is linked to the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples.

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**—We pray for people and then pray the Lord's Prayer.

**Closing Song**—We sing a song about what we learned today.

**Benediction**—The pastor says a benediction, which means "good word," meaning GOD goes with us into the world to do God's work!

### Gathering Music

### Welcome, Announcements

**KIDS SING** Joy to the World Group Publishing

**Boomwhackers** Joy to the World

**Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Peace** Soul Sisters

**Opening Songs** Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)  
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

### Greeting One Another

**Scripture** Matthew 3:1-12, NT, pgs. 2-3 Elisabeth Writtenberry, Reader

**Meditation Song** Lead Me to the Cross

**Scripture** Isaiah 11:1-10, OT, pgs. 640-641 Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**Sermon** "God's Vision of Peace" Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

### Responding to God's Word with Our Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to GBPC. Place your offering in the plates as you exit the sanctuary, or visit our website at: [www.gbpres.org](http://www.gbpres.org) and click "online giving", or scan the QR code to the right and click "GIVING."



**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

### Celebration of Holy Communion

**Invitation** Elam Gisharu, Youth

**Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer** (*using debts and debtors*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

### Prayer After Communion

*The congregation takes the elements together led by the pastor.*

*Please come forward to receive communion elements.*

*Ushers will serve those who prefer to remain seated. Gluten free options are available.*

**Closing Song** O Come, O Come, Emanuel

**Charge and Benediction**

**Sending Music** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Reprise)

December	7	ADVENT II *9:30 am Traditional Worship, *11:00 am Contemporary Worship FAMILY 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 NO IMPACT Youth Group, Youth will attend Family Worship *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 2:00 pm Presbyterian Women Christmas Tea 5:30 pm Service of Remembrance, Sanctuary
	9	6:15 pm Harmonious Flutes; 7:15 pm Alleluia Ringers
	10	5:30 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:15 pm Chancel Choir sectional rehearsals 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
	12	5:30 pm Family Fun Night
	14	ADVENT III *9:30 am Traditional Worship *11:00 am Contemporary Worship

\* 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":** 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.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR PHOTOS FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!** Scan the QR code to update your contact information. A station is set up in the narthex today for photos, before, during and after worship. Updated contact information must be done in advance of having a photo taken. **Regular attendees 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 today at 5:30 pm for our annual Service of Remembrance, a time to remember and celebrate loved ones no longer with us.

**C.A.S.T. (CHESAPEAKE AREA SHELTER TEAM):** MANY volunteers are needed to care for our guests staying with us over night with this very important outreach program. SIGN UP TO HELP through the link in the church email, or online on our church website. Good opportunity for Bible study groups, small groups, Presbyterian Women's Circles and FAMILIES and individuals. Dates are December 30—January 7. THANK YOU for serving.

**REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 SERVICE, DECEMBER 14, 12:00 PM!** Everyone participating in the 5:00 pm Family Christmas service, please make plans to attend this important rehearsal.



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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