

Coming up!



March	9	9:30 am Traditional worship; 11:00 am Contemporary worship 10:30 am KIDS SING rehearsal 10:30 am BOOMWACKERS—KIDS AND MOMS OR DADS *11:00 am Adult Sunday School, Room 240 *11:00 am IMPACT YOUTH, Kari's Cove *12:00 pm Youth Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary 1:00 pm GriefShare and DivorceCare, Rooms 240 & 230 *6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, Choir Suite *7:15 pm Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
	11	*6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, Choir Suite
	12	10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, Room 260 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study with Pastor Donna, Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Choir Suite (begins after worship service)
	13	*6:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal 6:30 pm Novel Ideas Book Discussion in Room 260
	15	1:00 pm Eleanor R. Williamson 3rd Annual Piano Competition
	16	9:30 am Traditional worship; 11:00 am Contemporary worship Girl Scout Sunday and Receiving New Members
	19	12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Lenten Bible Study w/Pastor Donna, Fellowship Hall
	23	10:30 am Called Congregational Meeting

*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 GBPC!

YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM: Middle and High School age students! Sing or play an instrument?

Rehearsals at 12:00 pm in the sanctuary. Contact Cathy Sturgeon for more information:
cathysturgeon@gbpres.org—INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! They do not have to be GBPC members to participate.

NEW! LUNCH AND LEARN LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Beginning March 12, join Pastor Donna for a Lenten Bible Study of The Gospel of Mark in the Fellowship Hall. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served. Dates for the Bible Study are March 12, March 19, March 26, and April 2, April 9.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY: We look forward to celebrating our Girls Scouts, Troop 782, as they help lead in worship on March 16.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 23: We will meet at 10:30 am immediately following the 9:30 am worship service to hear and act on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee to fill the remaining vacancy of Deacon.

NEW MEMBER CLASS—MARCH 30: On March 16 we will receive our newest GBPC members! We have several more people interested in joining the church. We will offer a New Member's Class on March 30. Sign up in the narthex. Come and hear more about the church! Class will meet at 12:00 noon, lunch included and childcare is available.

Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org> Thank you for joining us for worship today.

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March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Prelude At the Name of Jesus

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Praise** No. 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Call to Confession

Jim Lewis, Liturgist

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith, first in silent prayer.

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Turn us around, so that we fully follow you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sin, strengthen you, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you forever and ever. Amen.

***Thanks be to God, our Redeemer.**

***Response No. 443 There is a Redeemer (v2)**

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. Thank you, O My Father, for giving us your Son;
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

GREEN

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Passing the Peace

Ordination and Installation of Elder Cindy Bitterman

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed GTG, pg. 35

Offertory Old Time Gospel Medley Sandra R. Wagner
Alleluia Ringers

***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 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, OT, pg. 549 Jim Lewis, Liturgist

Anthem A Lenten Walk Hal H. Hopson

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

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11, OT, pgs. 180-181 Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

Sermon "Giving Our Best to God" Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)
written by the Communion Preparation Students
Ellie Barker, Hannah Harrison, Peter Webb

Dear God,

We are thankful for Rufus the dog, my parents, and my Mimi. Thank you for giving us trees and monarch butterflies to enjoy. We are so grateful for home, and for the lake house. Thanks for Mr. Teddy who comforts me. Thank you for the military jets that protect us. Thanks for the game Roblox that we enjoy playing with our friends. We are so grateful for Pastor Donna who teaches us about God.

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 will take 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 Hymn No. 69 Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!