

This Week!



Great Bridge Presbyterian Church  
9:30 am Worship  
July 5, 2026  
6th Sunday after Pentecost  
\*Stand as you are able in body or spirit.  
Congregation responds with the text in **bold**.

July 5 9:30 am Traditional Worship\*, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship\*  
11:00 am Junior Choir rehearsal, Choir Suite  
11:00 am Adult Sunday School - Jim Lewis, Facilitator  
7 7:00 pm Chancel choir rehearsal\*, Sanctuary  
8 5:30 pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal\*, Sanctuary  
9 9:00 am IMPACT YOUTH Morning Movie Trip

\*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 and stop by our Welcome Desk to learn more about GBPC!.

**GIVING:** A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at [www.gbpres.org](http://www.gbpres.org). You may also give by scanning the QR code. We now accept Apple pay.

**IMPACT YOUTH!** Weekday Morning Youth Movie Trip, 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Cinema Café Edinburgh, \$1 ticket, bring money for concessions contact Hollie Writtenberry, [hollie@gbpres.org](mailto:hollie@gbpres.org)

**IMPACT YOUTH!** Pool Party, June 19, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm at the home of the Cindy/Doug Bitterman, drop off/pick up at church. Bring/wear swimsuit, towel and a snack to share. Contact Hollie: [hollie@gbpres.org](mailto:hollie@gbpres.org)

**SUMMER FAITH CHALLENGE:** For Children and Families! Grab your Bible and complete a few activities this summer. See Ms. Joy for your packets and if you complete a few YOU WIN A PRIZE!

**SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY CALLING ALL SENIORS TO SING!** July 12 will be Senior Adult Sunday! We want Seniors to help lead worship! COME to the sanctuary at 9:00 am on July 12. We will practice the hymns and make a joyful noise together! Not sure if you are a senior? Anyone eligible for AARP, age 55 and up, you qualify, and we give free tuneups. Come and sing!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** July 13-15, 5:30—8:00 pm Vacation Bible School—Three nights. Signups are now open! We need lots of volunteers, too, ESPECIALLY LEADERS!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WISH LIST!** Make our wishes come true and help us get supplies for VBS by clicking on the link and shopping our WISH LIST on Amazon!!

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SINGING OPPORTUNITY!** This year marks the 25th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We will be offering a very special commemorative concert on Sunday, September 13 at 7:00 pm. We have a very special song, “There Is Peace” that calls for children and youth to participate. We are searching for students grade 4—high school. We can provide a recording and will offer some short rehearsals to prepare students. If you are interested, PLEASE contact Ms. Billye at [music@gbpres.org](mailto:music@gbpres.org).

We have a Mother's Room, directly across from the Sanctuary for nursing mothers and families who need a quiet space. The worship service can be heard through our sound system.



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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“Sharing Christ's love, equipping God's people”  
Founded 1964

**Prelude** - As we gather to worship, the music helps us focus on God.

**Welcome** - We welcome guests and talk about things that are happening in the church.

**Call to Worship** - We say something together that helps us get ready for worship.

**Hymn of Praise** - A joyful song of praise to God.

**Call to Confession** - We are asked to think about what we have done that does not please God.

**Silent Prayer** - This is a time for you to talk to God, who loves you, and say you are sorry for anything you have done that isn't right.

**Prayer of Confession** - We ask God to forgive our sins.

**Declaration of Forgiveness** - After saying we are sorry, we hear the good news that God forgives us for everything!

## The Gathering

**Prelude** Go Down, Moses Marvin Gaspard

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Kim Priddy

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Kim Priddy

This place for us is Holy Ground. The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.

**God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames.**

In God's presence we are disarmed of the barriers we have placed around us.

**God meets us where we are, in our vulnerability and our humanity.**

**Let us worship the God of the ages.**

**Hymn of Praise** No. 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand  
NATIONAL HYMN

**\*Call to Confession** Aria Boyette, Liturgist

Let us bring our hidden shortcomings and our fearful excuses into the light of God's grace, first in silent prayer.

## Time for Silent Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession** Aria Boyette, Liturgist

**Merciful God, You call to us from the burning bush, yet we turn away. Like Moses, we are quick to question our worth and hide behind our inadequacies. You hear the cries of the suffering, but we plug our ears to avoid the weight of action. You invite us onto holy ground, yet we trample it with our apathy, our self-reliance, and our fears. Forgive us, Lord, when we demand signs but ignore Your presence. Pardon our hesitation to speak Your truth and our reluctance to leave our comfort zones. Remind us that You are the Great “I AM,” and rescue us from our disbelief. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Kim Priddy

Hear the good news: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the God who sees, hears, and knows your sufferings. He has not sent us into the wilderness alone, but promises, “*I will be with you.*” In Jesus Christ, the Great “I AM” has come down to deliver us from the bondage of our sin and set our feet on holy ground. Know that you are fully seen, deeply loved, and entirely forgiven.

**Response** - We sing be-  
cause we are happy that  
God has forgiven us!

**Passing the Peace** - We  
share the peace of God's  
love with God's family.

**Words to the Children** -  
Simple words to help  
children understand the  
theme of the worship for  
the day.

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

**Anthem** - A special song  
that ties in with the  
scripture and sermon.

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**Sermon** - The pastor talks  
about what the scripture  
readings mean and how  
God wants us to live today.

**The Offering** - Our gifts of  
time, talents and money  
support the work of the  
church. We give because  
God gives so much to us.

**The Offertory Response** -  
We sing a short song of  
praise to thank God.

**Prayer of Dedication** - We  
thank God for all we have  
and ask God to bless the  
offerings that people have  
given.

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

**Song of Preparation** - As we  
prepare our hearts for  
communion, we sing a  
song that talks about  
God's love for us.

Thanks be to God!

**\*Response** No. 447 We Are Forgiven Hal H. Hopson  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Please share the peace.

\*Passing the Peace

**Words to the Children** Rev. Kim Priddy  
*PreK-1st grade will remain in the sanctuary with families today.*

Proclamation of The Word

**Scripture** Psalm 26:1-8, OT, pg. 503 Aria Boyette, Youth Liturgist

**Anthem** Let There Be Peace on Earth See Music Notes arr. Phil Nitz

**Scripture** Exodus 3:1-15, OT, pg. 50 Rev. Kim Priddy

**Sermon** “Arise! Shine with Trust!” Rev. Kim Priddy

Responding to the Word

**The Offertory** Thy Word Michael W. Smith

**\*Offertory Response** 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

**\*Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles’ Creed** Glory to God Hymnal, pg. 35

**\*Song of Preparation** No. 515 I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE  
verses 1-3

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free;  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,  
in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends

Holy Communion

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table** Judi Rogers, assisting  
**Great Thanksgiving**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**  
**Prayers for the People and the Lord’s Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

Aria Boyette, Youth

**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 pow-**  
**er, 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.*

Leaving to Serve

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** No. 338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

\*Charge and Benediction

**\*Postlude** America the Beautiful arr. Eleanor Whitsett  
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We welcome Janet Phelps as our guest organist this morning.



**Sacred Harmony in America.....Let There Be Peace on Earth**

In 1955 Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller composed “Let There Be Peace  
on Earth. The song was introduced at a retreat where approximately 180  
youth from many racial, religious, and cultural backgrounds gathered to  
learn cooperation and understanding. It is one of the most beloved  
songs about peace in the English-speaking world. Though often sung during Ad-  
vent and Christmas, it was not originally written as a Christmas carol. Jackson-  
Miller, who had been suicidal after the failure of her marriage to screenwriter Felix  
Jackson, later said she wrote the song after discovering what she called “the life-  
saving joy of God’s peace and unconditional love”. As the youth sang together, the  
writers believed the song embodied the idea that lasting peace begins with individu-  
als and challenges each singer to become an instrument of peace through daily ac-  
tions.

The arranger, Phil Nitz, is an American arranger, orchestrator, session singer and  
worship leader. He has earned two Dove Awards and sung on many Christian/  
Gospel projects. He earned his undergraduate and master’s degrees from the Lee  
University School of Music. He has worked with Michael W. Smith, Casting  
Crowns, Carrie Underwood and Dolly Parton (at the CMA awards) to name a few.  
He lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

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

**Prayers for the People and  
the Lord's Prayer** - We pray  
for people and then  
together say the Lord's  
Prayer.

**Hymn** - We sing a hymn  
that reminds us of what we  
have learned in the  
sermon.

**Benediction** - We listen to  
the benediction, which  
means “good word.” The  
“good word” is that God  
goes with us into the world  
to do God's work!

**Postlude** - Let's go serve  
the Lord! Alleluia!