

This Week!



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| January | 18 | 9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship<br>10:30 KIDS SING, Rm 200<br>11:00 IMPACT Youth Group, Kari's Cove<br>11:00 Adult Sunday School, Jim Lewis, facilitator<br>12:00 pm Youth Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary |
|         | 19 | Church Office Closed—in observance of Martin Luther King Day<br>12:00 pm Men's Brown Bag Bible Study, Rm 240  |
|         | 20 | 6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, 7:15 pm Alleluia Ringers   |
|         | 21 | 6:45 pm Combined Music Ministry rehearsal, Sanctuary  |
|         | 25 | 10:00 am Combined Worship, 11:00 ANNUAL MEETING,<br>12:00 Potluck   |

\*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. Stop by our Welcome Desk for a special gift and to learn more about our church.

**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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** For those who prefer to give their tithes and offerings with dedicated envelopes, they are now available in the narthex.

**GRIEFSHARE/DIVORCE CARE RESUME FEBRUARY 8:** For those in our Grief Support group or those interested in joining our GriefShare group, please contact Bob Burley, [burlbobby@yahoo.com](mailto:burlbobby@yahoo.com). For DivorceCare contact Csilla Lucskay, [lucskaycsilla@gmail.com](mailto:lucskaycsilla@gmail.com)

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Registration continues for Preschool families. ALL registration is ONLINE. January 14, GBPP Alumni/GBPC members, January 24, General Public. Contact Becky Miles for information, [preschool@gbpres.org](mailto:preschool@gbpres.org)

**IMPACT YOUTH:** January 18, pajama movie night/National Popcorn Day, watching Wicked For Good, Kari's Cove, 6-9 pm

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE (WNL) AND KIDS IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM (K.I.C.K.):** January 28, 5:30 pm. Make your reservation. Special guest topic, "Estate planning".

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25!** We will have one combined service on January 26 at 10:00 am followed by our annual meeting at 11:00 am with a potluck after the meeting.

 Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org>  
Thank you for joining us for worship today. There's a place for you here!  
Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, 333 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA (757)547-4706  
"Sharing Christ's love, equipping God's people" ~ Founded 1964



**Great Bridge Presbyterian Church**  
**9:30 am Worship**  
**January 18, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Prelude** Fantasy in C Major

J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Kim Priddy

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving and extol our God with music and song.**

**Hymn of Praise** No. 4 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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**\*Call to Confession**

Cindy Bitterman, Liturgist

We live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us make our confession before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

**\*Time for Silent Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Cindy Bitterman, Liturgist

**Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We do not always live as we ought: we turn away from you, from our neighbor and from our true selves. We know that you love us and will not abandon us and that you call us back to you. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Kim Priddy

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord up holds the falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Beloved, in Christ your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response** No. 623 I've Got Peace Like a River African-American Spiritual

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got Joy like a fountain in my soul. (repeat)

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Passing the Peace

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 49:1-7, OT, pg. 679 Cindy Bitterman, Liturgist

**Anthem** No. 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Benjamin Harlan

ALL Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty victorious thy great name we praise.

CHOIR Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

CHOIR To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

ALL Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**Scripture Reading** John 1:29-42, NT, pg. 92 Rev. Kim Priddy

**Sermon** "You Find What You Look For!" Rev. Kim Priddy

### Prayers of the People and 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.**

**Offertory** Improvisation on ST. DENIO Michael Burkhardt

**\*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.)

**Closing Hymn** No.726 Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons) \*See Music Notes  
KELVINGROVE

### Charge and Benediction

**Postlude** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Michael Burkhardt

The sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of Gene Lewallen (Robynne King's mother)  
from Jim, Jennifer and Emily Cahoon.

### Music Notes on THE SUMMONS, "Will You Come and Follow Me"

In 2012, the Chancel Choir and guests took their second of four international singing mission trips to Scotland on their "Sing Hallelujah" tour. The pilgrimage point of interest was the hallowed ground of the remote island of Iona and the Iona Community. This community of Iona was founded back in the 6th century, when St. Columba found his way from Ireland and established an outpost from which he evangelized all of Scotland. Eventually, he spread a Celtic form of Christianity that still resonates strongly today. Fast forward to the 20th and 21st centuries. John Bell, a Scottish hymn-writer and Church of Scotland minister, came to Iona and his hymnody has become popular world-wide. The Summons is Bell's most famous hymn. "The Summons" of Christ is to a radical Christianity. We are challenged to "leave yourself behind" and to "risk the hostile stare", "set the prisoner free" and "kiss the leper clean", and "use the faith you've found to reshape the world around." The tune is a traditional Scottish ballad entitle KELVINGROVE, named after a section of Glasgow. Mr. Bell often uses traditional melodies from Ireland, Scotland and England, eminently singable.