

THIS WEEK!



October	25	9:30 Traditional Worship, 11:00 Contemporary Worship 11:00 am Adult Sunday School, Room 240 1:00 pm GriefShare, Room 240 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat
	28	5:15 pm Gather + Grow Dinner and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

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

FEED YOUR FAITH IN A SMALL GROUP: There is a place for everyone to grow in their faith at GBPC. Nurture, Bible Study, and Fellowship are all available through small groups, Men's Bible Study and Presbyterian Women Circles. Contact Johanna Jozwiak for more information: jozwiakjoh@gmail.com

GATHER AND GROW! Join us for dinner and Bible study on Wednesday, 5:15—7:00 pm, led by Pastor Kim. We are studying the book *Appreciate These Things* by Jill J. Duffield., available from the bookstore for \$12.00.

TRUNK OR TREAT-TODAY! Our annual Trunk or Treat is TODAY from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm! NEW this year – we have a SHUTTLE. Park ACROSS THE STREET on Holt Drive and catch the shuttle that will be running continuously throughout the event.

FAMILY WORSHIP YOUTH PARTICIPATION! We LOVE having our youth participate in worship on Family Worship Sundays! Serving as Liturgists, Readers, and Greeters, is a fun way to serve. Please scan the QR code to sign up. THANK YOU! We are training our children and youth to serve as future church leaders.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH or just learning more about GBPC? See or email Amy Brand (amybrand04@gmail.com) to find out how!

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

Check our website for updates: 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
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Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2026, 9:30am

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Families, we have worship bags that assist children in understanding scripture. Ask an usher.
(Congregation reads the **bold** print.)

The Gathering

Prelude Prelude on Ein' Feste Burg Wilber Held

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kim Priddy

***Passing the Peace** Rev. Kim Priddy
(When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. When we pass the peace, we practice God's shalom.)

***Call to Worship** Rev. Kim Priddy
Come, people of God, with hearts full of gratitude and praise!
We gather to worship the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Jesus calls us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.
We come to offer our hearts, our lives, and our gifts in faithful service.
Through every generation, God calls us to renewed faith and faithful service.
God has been our fortress through every age.
Let us worship God, who is the same from age to age.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 75 A Mighty Fortress is Our God EIN FESTE BURG, arr. Hal H. Hopson
V1-2 ALL; V3 CHOIR; V4 ALL

***Call to Confession** Cindy Bitterman, Liturgist
Jesus teaches us that we are to love God with all our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Still, we know that our love is often divided, our generosity is hesitant, and our commitment imperfect. Trusting in the grace of God, who continually calls us to renewed faith and faithful living, let us confess our sins together, first in silent prayer.

*Time for Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession Cindy Bitterman, Liturgist
Merciful and gracious God, you have blessed us beyond measure and called us to lives of love and service. Yet we confess that we do not always love you with our whole heart, nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves. Too often we hold tightly to what we have rather than sharing freely what you have given. We allow our own desires to overshadow the needs of others, and we forget that all we are and all we possess come from you. Forgive our reluctance, renew our faith, and open our hearts to the joy of generous living. As your church, continually reformed by your Word and Spirit, help us to dedicate ourselves anew to your service, that our lives may reflect your boundless love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness		Rev. Kim Priddy
Hear the good news! By grace we have been saved through faith. This is not our own doing, but the gift of God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to lives of faithful service. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!		
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!		
*Response	Clap Your Hands, Rejoice Junior Choir Clap your hands and lift your voice. Let ev’ry nation on earth rejoice. Clap your hands and lift your voice. Sing for joy, rejoice! Alleluia, Alleluia. Let the music resound. Alleluia, Alleluia. Make a joyful sound.	Andy Beck
Words to the Children	Children will leave for Sunday School following Words to the Children.	Rev. Kim Priddy
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (using debts & debtors)		Cindy Bitterman Elder, Outreach Ministry
Scripture	Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18; OT, pg. 106	Cindy Bitterman, Liturgist
Anthem	O God Our Help in Ages Past ALL: O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home. ALL WOMEN: Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure. ALL MEN: Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God To endless years the same. ALL: A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun. CHOIR: Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op’ning day. ALL: O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home! CHOIR: And our eternal home!	John Behnke
Scripture	Matthew 22:34-46; NT, pg. 25	Rev. Kim Priddy
Sermon	“Open Hands: A Love that Outlives Us”	Rev. Kim Priddy
Stewardship Testimony		Fred and Aly Hughes
Affirmation of Faith (From Matthew 22) What is the greatest commandment? You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”		Rev. Kim Priddy
Offertory	O God Our Help in Ages Past Alleluia Ringers	Kevin McChesney

*Offertory Response	No. 608 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.	Hal H. Hopson
*Prayer of Dedication		
* Dedication of Pledge Cards	<i>Please come forward and place your pledges in the basket during the final hymn.</i>	
*Hymn of Sending Forth	Now Thank We All Our God	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT arr. Hal H. Hopson
ALL: Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. CHOIR: O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next. ALL: All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.		
*Charge and Benediction		
*Postlude	Now Thank We All Our God	Virgil Fox
		
Worship Matters... Reformation Sunday! Reformation Sunday commemorates the Protestant Reformation, which began in 1517 when Martin Luther challenged certain practices of the church and called for renewed faithfulness to Scripture. Celebrated on the Sunday before October 31, it reminds us of our Presbyterian heritage and the belief that the church is always being reformed according to the Word of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is a day to give thanks for God's enduring faithfulness and to renew our commitment to serving Christ and sharing God's love with the world.		
The Sanctuary Flowers are in celebration of James and Lisa Midkiff’s 35th Wedding Anniversary!		

Today is our fourth and final Sunday in the month-long focus on Stewardship. Each week we ponder a new question.

Stewardship Theme is Open Hands:Living Generously Because God Has Been Generous
“Freely you have received; freely give.” Matthew 10:8
Fourth question: What does my generosity say about who I belong to?