

THIS WEEK!



October 20 9:00 am Tuesday Quilting Group, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 240
21 5:15 pm Gather + Grow Dinner and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
23 12:00 pm Seasoned Saints Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
25 9:30 & 11:00 am STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY
4:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat

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 Wednesdays from 5:15–7:00 p.m., led by Pastor Kim. We will be studying the book *Appreciate These Things* by Jill J. Duffield, available in the bookstore for \$12.00. Please scan the QR code to RSVP or sign up in the Narthex.

MINISTRY AND MISSION FAIR, TODAY! Take some time to find out about opportunities to get involved in the life and ministries of GBPC.

TRUNK OR TREAT—OCTOBER 25! Our annual Trunk or Treat is next week! We need folks to sign up to decorate a trunk, volunteer, and we need CANDY! We want to help those who decorate their trunks by replenishing their candy throughout the event. Bins are in the Narthex for your candy donations. Scan the QR code to register your vehicle or sign up to volunteer. Questions? See Joy Rowe.

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: <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
October 18, 2026, 9:30 am
21st Sunday after Pentecost
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 Fantasy in C Major J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kim Priddy

Ministry Highlight Greg Frassmann, Elder: Service & Mission

***Passing the Peace**
(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

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.
We belong to God, who created us in the Lord.
We come with the responsibilities and concerns of our daily lives.
We come seeking wisdom to live faithfully in God's world.
Jesus calls us to give to God what belongs to God.
With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves in worship and praise.
Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise** No. 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN

***Call to Confession** Nancy Langston, Liturgist
God looks into our hearts and sees where we have rejected God's invitation to serve and receive grace. We prefer our own ways, possessions and judgments. Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us honestly confess our shortcomings, first in silent prayer.

***Time for Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** Nancy Langston, Liturgist
Merciful God, You have created us in your image and claimed us as your own. Yet we confess that we often give our hearts to things that cannot sustain us. We become distracted by worldly concerns, place our trust in possessions and power, and forget that all we have comes from you. Forgive us when we fail to honor you in our choices, when we neglect the needs of others, and when our words and actions do not reflect your love. Renew our hearts, strengthen our faith, and guide us to live as people who belong to you. Help us to give generously, serve faithfully, and honor you in all that we do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Kim Priddy
Hear the good news! We belong to a gracious and merciful God, whose love for us never fails. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to live as God’s beloved children.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Response** No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me Paul M. Vasile
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World with out end, without end. Amen.
World with out end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Words for the Children Rev. Kim Priddy
Children will leave for Sunday School following Words to the Children.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (using debts & debtors) Greg Frassmann, Elder:
Service & Mission

Scripture Isaiah 45:1-7, OT, pgs. 674-675 Nancy Langston, Liturgist

Anthem I Will Serve the Lord All My Days Don Besig
Martha Sznoluch, flute

Scripture Matthew 22:15-22, NT, pgs. 24-25 Rev. Kim Priddy

Sermon “Open Hands: Whose Image Do You Bear?” Rev. Kim Priddy

Stewardship Testimony JD and Becky Miles

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967)
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Bill Holcombe
Harmonious Flutes

***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**

***Hymn of Sending Forth** No. 716 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** Fanfare on LOBE DEN HERREN Charles Callahan



Worship Matters... The Doxology
The word doxology comes from the Greek words *doxa* (meaning “glory”) and *logos* (meaning “word” or “speech”), translating to a short expression of praise to God. In the Hebrew Bible as well as the New Testament, brief statements of praise (doxologies) appear. For example, in Romans 11:36 we read: “For from him and through him and for him are all things, to him be the glory forever, Amen.” The 2nd century Christian Theologian, Clement of Alexandria, began using the trinitarian theme of formal praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout Christian hymnody, various musical settings of the common doxology, “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” have been composed. The doxology setting we have been using for the last year is by the well known Presbyterian composer Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025).

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

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