THIS WEEK!

GREAT BRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| November | 22 | 9:30 am Traditional Worship; 11:00 am Contemporary Worship |
| | | 10:30 am KIDS SING, Room 200; Junior Choir, Choir Suite |
| | | 10:30 am Thanksgiving Basket Food Sort, Fellowship Hall |
| | | 11:00 am IMPACT Youth Group, Kari's Cove |
| | | 11:00 Adult Sunday School, Room 240 |
| | | 12:00 pm Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| | | 12:15 pm Inquirer's Class, Room 230 |
| | | 1:00pm GriefShare, Room 240 |
| | | 4:00 pm IMPACT Youth Group's Friendsgiving, Kari's Cove |
| | 23 | 8:00 am Thanksgiving Baskets Delivered |
| | 24 | NO Harmonious Flutes |
| | | NO Alleluia Ringers |
| | | 7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary |
| | 25 | Church Office Closing at 12:00pm |
| | 26 | HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church Office Closed |
| | 27 | Church Office Closed |
| | | 6:30 am Friday Men's Group, Room 240 |
| | 28 | 8:00 am Men's Life Group, Room 240 |

**Check our website for a complete list of upcoming events and latest updates: gbpres.org**

**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.

**ADVENT CANDLE READERS:** The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. We look forward to the Advent season with great anticipation. Be a part of this special season by signing up to light the Advent Candles. Scan the QR Code or use the link on the church website or weekly church email. All readings will be sent to you. We love to have families, friends, small groups, any and all are welcome to participate.

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS:** The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is seeking nominations for positions of elder and deacon. Must be active GBPC members, committed to Jesus Christ, willing to serve for a three-year term. Scan the QR Code to make your nomintations. Nominations are due by November 30.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH** or just learning more about GBPC? Join us for our Inquires' Class **TODAY** at 12:15 pm in Room 230. For additional information or questions, contact Amy Brand at amybrand04@gmail.com.

**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*
**Founded1964**



# Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

## November 22, 2026; 9:30am

## Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday

*Welcome! We are glad you are here!*

*Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.
Congregation responds with the text in **bold print**.
Families, we have worship bags that assist children in understanding scripture. Ask an usher.

**The Gathering**

**Prelude** Crown Him with Many Crowns — arr. Wilbur Held
Janet Phelps, Guest Organist

**Welcome and Announcements** — Rev. Kim Priddy

***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**
Come, let us worship Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords!
**We come to praise the One whose kingdom is built on love, mercy and justice.**
Christ calls us to see his face in the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the forgotten.
**May our hearts be open to serve him in all whom we meet.**
Let us worship the King who reigns not through early power, but through self-giving love.
**To Christ be glory, honor, and praise, now and forever. Amen!**

***Hymn of Praise** No. 264 At the Name of Jesus — KING'S WESTON

***Call to Confession** — Kandy Keith, Liturgist
Christ, our King calls us to a life of compassion and faithful service. Yet too often, we fail to recognize his presence in those who need our care. Trusting in the mercy of the One who knows our hearts and calls us to new life, let us confess our sins before God, first in silent prayer.

***Time for Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** — Kandy Keith, Liturgist
**Merciful God, You have called us to follow Christ, our King, yet we confess that we often choose comfort over compassion, indifference over kindness, and our own desires over the needs of others. We have turned away from the hungry, overlooked the lonely, and failed**

**to welcome the stranger. We have not always recognized your presence in the faces of those around us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes to see as Christ sees, our hearts to love as Christ loves, and our hands to serve as Christ serves. May our lives reflect the grace and mercy of your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we pray. Amen.**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Kim Priddy
Hear the good news! The One who reigns over all creation is also the Savior who comes to us in mercy and grace.In Jesus Christ, God meets us with forgiveness, renews our hearts, and calls us to live as people of the kingdom.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. He IS King of kings and Lord of lords!**

***Response** No. 273 He is King of Kings Traditional Spiritual
Refrain: He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him. (repeat)
I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like him;
and by his love sweet blessing gives; no one works like him. O he is (repeat refrain)

**Words to 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) Carolyn Lewis
Assisting Elder, Worship & Music

**Scripture** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, OT; pages 803-804 Kandy Keith, Liturgist

**Anthem** My Eternal King Jane Marshall

**Scripture** Matthew 25:31-46; NT: page 29 Rev. Kim Priddy

**Sermon** "Teach 'Em a Lesson"

**Litany of Thanksgiving**
Gracious God, from whom all blessings flow, we gather with grateful hearts to give you thanks.
**For your steadfast love and faithfulness, we give you thanks, O God.**
For the beauty of creation, for the gift of life, and for the blessings of each new day,
**We give you thanks, O God.**
For family and friends, for the love we share, and for those whose kindness strengthens us along life's journey,
**We give you thanks, O God.**
For the church, where faith is nurtured, hope is renewed, and we are called to serve,
**We give you thanks, O God.**
For Jesus Christ, our Savior and King, who teaches us to see his face in those who hunger, suffer, and seek compassion,
**We give you thanks, O God.**
May our gratitude be more than words. May it be reflected in generous hearts, willing hands, and lives of faithful service.
**With thankful hearts, we offer ourselves to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Offertory** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow arr. Cindy Berry




As we continue to plan and pray for 2027, we invite you to submit your pledge card or online pledge if you haven't yet had the opportunity to do so.

***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. 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Kim Priddy

***Postlude** I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Douglas Wagner

**We welcome Janet Phelps as our guest organist today during Cheryl's absence.**




**Worship matters… Christ the King Sunday**
Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Christian liturgical year. Before we begin the season of Advent, we pause to proclaim that Jesus Christ reigns over all creation. Yet Christ's kingship is unlike any earthly kingdom. His reign is marked not by wealth, power, or privilege, but by love, mercy, justice and service. In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus reminds us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, and serve those in need, we are serving Christ himself.As we conclude the church year, we are reminded that we honor Christ as King not only through the words we sing, but through the love we show to others.

**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.**