

This Week!



November	30	ADVENT I *9:30 am Traditional Worship, *11:00 am Contemporary Worship *9:30 am & *11:00 am Sunday School *10:30 am KIDS SING, Room 200 *10:30 am Boomwhackers! Room 230 *11:00 am IMPACT Youth Group *11:00 am Adult Sunday School, Room 240 *12:00 pm Youth Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary *1:00 pm GriefShare, Room 240; DivorceCare, Room 230
December	2	6:15 pm Harmonious Flutes; 7:15 pm Alleluia Ringers
	3	6:15 pm Chancel Choir sectional rehearsals 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
	4	5:30 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal
	6	4:30 pm IMPACT Youth Fundraise during Chesapeake Christmas Parade
	7	ADVENT II *9:30 am Traditional Worship, *11:00 am Contemporary Worship 2:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea 5:30 pm Service of Remembrance

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

**STEWARDSHIP "GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD":** We rejoice that we have had 14 new pledging individuals/families. We are still accepting pledges for the work and mission of the church. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to pledge for the coming year. We thank those who have already pledged. **A secure link** for electronic giving is available on the church's website at [www.gbpres.org](http://www.gbpres.org). You may give securely by scanning the QR code.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE!** Scan the QR code to update your contact information. A station is set up in the fellowship hall for photos, before, during and after worship. Last day for photos is December 7. Updated contact information must be done in advance of having a photo taken. Regular attenders at GBPC, please have your picture taken. The directory is not only used for church members.

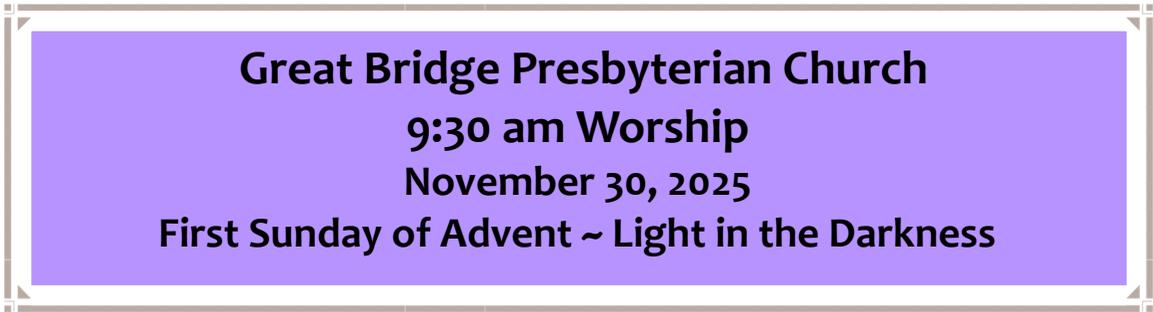
**POINSETTIA ORDERS:** We will begin taking orders for Poinsettias, December 7 to adorn the sanctuary for Christmas. Orders may be placed through the QR code, on our church website or by using an envelope from the pew.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Please join us on December 7 at 5:30 pm for our annual Service of Remembrance, a time to remember and celebrate loved ones no longer with us.

**SEASONED SAINTS BUS TRIP TO THE CHRYSLER MUSEUM:** Join the Seasoned Saints on December 9, 10:15—3:00 pm for a bus trip, guided tour and lunch at Freemason Abbey! Sign up in the Narthex.



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

**Prelude** E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Special Recognition of Debbie Acors** Dan Hickock, Elder Personnel & Administration

**Lighting the Advent Candle: Hope** Monday Night Bible Study

**Prayer for Advent**

**Carol of Advent** No. 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion BREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

**\*Call to Confession** Carolyn Lewis, Liturgist  
This is the time for us to wake from sleep; salvation is near to us. Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin, and put on the armor of righteousness, asking our Savior for forgiveness. Let us first pray in silent confession.

**\*Time for Silent Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** Carolyn Lewis, Liturgist  
**Merciful God, we confess that during this season of Advent, we are often distracted by the busyness of the world and forget how to hope in your promises. We confess that we have been more focused on material things than on your spiritual gifts, and have allowed doubts and hopelessness to creep into our hearts. Forgive us, God of grace, for turning away from your will and for not watching for your presence in our lives. Strengthen us by your hand so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory. Lead us in your hope and teach us your love, as we await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

Beloved, know this:  
the God of Presence,  
the God of Transformation,  
the God of Hope,  
hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

**Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response** No. 137 “He Came Down”

HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have hope; He came down that we may have hope;  
He came down that we may have hope Hallelujah forevermore.

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5, OT, pgs. 631-632

Carolyn Lewis, Liturgist

**Anthem** “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Bradley Ellingboe

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 24:36-44, NT, pgs. 27-28

Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

**Sermon** “Ready & Waiting”

Rev. Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**Passing the Peace**

**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** Prepare the Royal Highway

Wilbur Held

**\*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. 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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**Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** No. 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (refrain) GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! (repeat)

**Postlude** Angels We Have Heard on High

Harold DeCou

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**Music Notes:**

Today we begin our Advent journey to Bethlehem. Our theme for the season is **“The Light Has Come.”** We will explore various scriptures and offer a different worship theme each week that helps us see God’s work throughout scripture leading us toward the great celebration on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the coming of our Savior.

You won’t want to miss each week that will be filled with the joyful sounds of the season and worship that glorifies God. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our special Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 21, *“Holy Light.”* We will have one combined service on this special Sunday at 10:00 am when we welcome our friends from the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, the Chancel choir and guests, our Alleluia Ringers, and guest readers.