THIS WEEK!

GREAT BRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November	8	Last day to turn in Operation Christmas Child boxes to Fellowship Hall, please do not forget the $10 for shipping
	10	10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, Room 260
	11	Veterans Day - Church Office Closed
		5:15 pm Gather + Grow Dinner and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
	12	10:00 am Ruth Circle, Room 240
		Outreach Committee Meeting, Room 240
	15	Thanksgiving Food Basket Food Deadline
		10:30 am 2027 NC Mission Trip Information Meeting
		4:00 pm Family Connect Night presents: Screen Sanity

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.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS: The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is seeking active GBPC members who are committed to Jesus Christ and willing to serve the Church as elders or deacons for three-year terms beginning in June. Serving is a meaningful opportunity to support Christ's work through GBPC. Nomination forms are available by scanning QR code. All nominations are due by November 30.

SCREEN SANITY: Join us for Family Connect Night featuring Screen Sanity! Parents will explore today's screen-time challenges and learn practical ways to raise healthy, happy kids in a digital world. This is a family event, and children are encouraged to attend and participate! Join us for an evening of learning and fun for the whole family!

2027 NC MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING: If you are interested in participating in 2027 NC week long Mission Trip next March there is an informational Meeting November 15that 10:30 a.m. in Room 260.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Interested in helping sort the food or delivering the baskets? Contact Greg Frassmann, gfrassmann@gbpres.org.

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.

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

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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Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

November 8,2026, 9:30am

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major — J. S. Bach

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
The Lord calls us to be watchful, to live with faith and hope.
We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's grace.
In times of waiting and uncertainty, God's light continues to shine.
We will keep our lamps burning, trusting in God's promises.
Let us worship the One who comes to meet us with love and mercy.
With joyful hearts, we worship the living God.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 363 Rejoice, the Lord is King! — DARWALL'S 149TH

***Call to Confession** — Amy Brand, Liturgist
Jesus reminds us that faith is not simply a matter of waiting, but of living each day in readiness for God's presence. Yet too often we become distracted by the demands of life, neglecting the practices that sustain our faith and failing to recognize the opportunities God places before us. Trusting in God's steadfast mercy, let us confess our sins together, first in silent prayer.

***Time for Silent Confession**

Prayer of Confession Amy Brand, Liturgist

Merciful God, you call us to lives of faithfulness, yet we confess that we are not always ready to follow you. We allow the distractions of daily life to dim the light of your presence within us. We grow impatient in times of waiting, complacent in times of comfort, and uncertain when our faith is tested. Forgive us when we neglect the work of your kingdom and fail to live as people of hope. Renew our spirits, strengthen our faith, and teach us to keep our lamps burning brightly, that we may be ready to serve you whenever and wherever you call. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Kim Priddy

Hear the good news! God's mercy does not grow weary, and God's grace does not run dry. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to walk in the light of God's love.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven and made new in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Response** No. 447 We are Forgiven Hal H. Hopson

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God (Repeat).

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 Amos 5:18-25; OT: page 854 Amy Brand, Liturgist

Anthem Keep Your Lamps André Thomas
Andrew Reader, percussion

Scripture Matthew 25:1-13; NT: page 25 Rev. Kim Priddy

Sermon "Ready for the Wait" Rev. Kim Priddy

Affirmation of Faith (From the Confession of 1967, 9.55) Rev. Kim Priddy

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Offertory Assurance John Ness Beck



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. 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! ASSURANCE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** Toccata on DARWALL'S 148th Gordon Young



Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. We give thanks to God for our veterans, whose courage and sacrifice protect the freedoms we enjoy. On behalf of the entire church family, we honor your service and pray for God's continued blessings upon you and your loved ones.



Worship Matters… the Charge and Benediction

At the conclusion of worship, the pastor offers a Charge and Benediction. Though closely connected, each serves a distinct purpose. The **Charge** calls us to carry our faith beyond the sanctuary, putting God's Word into action through lives of love, service, and compassion. The **Benediction**, meaning "good word" or "blessing," sends us forth with the assurance of God's abiding presence, grace, and peace. These final words remind us that worship does not truly end when we leave the sanctuary; rather, we are sent into the world to live as Christ's faithful disciples.

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.