

This Week!



September	20	*9:30 Traditional Worship, *11:00 Contemporary Worship *11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Jim Lewis, Facilitator, Rm 240 12:00 pm IMPACT YOUTH, packaging AIDs meals *1:00 p.m. GriefShare, Room 240
	21	*12:00 pm Men's Bible Study, Rm 240, Bob Burley, Facilitator *6:30 pm Bible Buddies: Women Who Rise, Workroom, Tammy Andre
	22	7:00 pm Couples Group, Rm 200, contact Nancy Wolfe
	24	*9:30 am Moms' Bible Study, Rm 230, contact Becky Miles
	25	*6:30 am Friday Men's Group, Rm. 230 12:00 pm Seasoned Saints' Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, contact Betty Vecchiolla
	26	*8:00 am Men's Life Group, Rm 240, contact Brad Walker
	27	LAST DAY Food For All Food

*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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY: Our Sunday School programs begin next week both at 9:30 & 11:00! IMPACT Youth Group meets at 11:00 in Kari's Cove. There is an Adult Sunday School class at 11:00 am facilitated by Jim Lewis.

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

FOOD FOR ALL FOOD DRIVE KICKS OFF TODAY: Our annual Fall Food Drive to benefit the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia and the House of Blessing runs from September 20 through September 27. Most wanted food lists are available through our church email. Please be generous! Great FAMILY activity.

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY! In addition to our worship team there are many ways to join our music ministry. Check out our "Music & Choirs" page on our website for more information on how you can share your musical gifts with our congregation. Contact Billye Brown Youmans, music@gbpres.org or Cathy Sturgeon, cathysturgeon@gbpres.org for more information.

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, directly across from the Sanctuary for nursing mothers and families who need a quiet space. The worship service can be heard through our 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
September 20, 2026, 9:30 am
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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

Prelude Let All Things Now Living John A. Behnke

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Marty Phillips

Passing the Peace Rev. Marty Phillips
(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.)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Call to Worship** Rev. Marty Phillips

The Master of the vineyard calls us to the fields.
We come, whether we have labored long or just arrived.
In this place, we set aside human scorekeeping.
Here, the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.
Come, let us marvel at God's boundless generosity.
Let us worship and join as partners in Christ's service!

***Hymn of Praise** No. 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

***Call to Confession** Kate Bosley, Liturgist
In the kingdom of God, the last are first, and the first are last, yet we often keep scores and have small-minded ideas of fairness. Let us confess the ways we resist God's generosity and cling to our own pride as we pray together, first in silent confession.

***Silent Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** Kate Bosley Liturgist
Holy and generous God, we confess that we are often like the workers who labored all day. We count our efforts, we track our hours, and we secretly believe we deserve more than others. We confess that when you pour out your grace on the latecomers, the broken and people we think do not work as hard as we do, we are envious. Forgive us, Lord, when our pride blinds us to our shared humanity. Wash away our prejudice, heal our bitterness and quiet our keeping of scores. Remind us that your grace is for all. By your Holy Spirit, free us to rejoice in your boundless generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Marty Phillips
Hear the good news! God does not treat us as our sins deserve, nor reward us according to our calculations. God’s grace is free, abundant and given to all.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***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. Marty Phillips
Children will leave for Sunday School following Words to the Children.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (using debts & debtors) Katie Hood,
Elder, Children’s Ministry

Scripture Jonah 3:1-10, OT, pgs. 860-861 Kate Bosley, Liturgist

Anthem Peace Like a River Joel Raney

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16, NT, pgs. 21-22 Rev. Marty Phillips

Sermon “The Economy of Generosity” Rev. Marty Phillips

Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (excerpts) GTG, pg. 37-38

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Offering This Is My Father’s World Robert A. Hobby

***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**

***Closing Hymn** No. 761 Called As Partners in Christ’s Service BEECHER

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Marty Phillips

Postlude Rigaudon Steve Carlson, trumpet André Campira

The flowers are given today in loving memory of Rebekah Cecille Writtenberry-Lewis for what would have been her 10th birthday, by her mom, Hollie, and her siblings, Elisabeth and Gideon.

 **Worship matters..... Why do we have a Prelude and Postlude?**
In Christian worship, the **prelude and postlude are more than “music before and after the service.”** They help frame worship.
The Prelude prepares us for worship. As people enter the sanctuary, the music helps us move from conversation, activity, and the concerns of everyday life toward attentiveness to God. Historically, instrumental music before worship also served as an introduction to the service and sometimes introduced hymn tunes or themes that would be heard later.
The Postlude sends us out. Worship does not simply “end”; we are sent back into the world to live out what we have heard, prayed, sung, and received. The postlude often has a brighter or more energetic character, expressing joy and confidence as the congregation goes forth to serve.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.