

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoom Conference (Meeting ID: 834 854 376 Password: GPBC)  
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## REFLECTION

*“Engage in learning as a lifelong pursuit, acknowledging complexity and embracing mystery while seeking, giving, and receiving truths in humility.” ~ Ginter Park Baptist’s Rule of Life*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 AM)

## CHIMING THE TRINITY & LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*As the candles on the altar are lit, you are each invited to light a candle on the table in front of you.*

## PRELUDE

“Great Is the Lord”  
Fred Horn, Pianist

*arr. Lam*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly Schmitt

One: Whether we gather our hearts at home or afar,

**Many: We are the church, the body of Christ.**

One: Whether we are at home or in a building together,

**Many: We are in the house of God, for God is with us.**

One: Whether we sing in the choir or pray under the trees,

**Many: We are at worship, for God is everywhere.**

One: Come, join in worship, wherever you are,

**Many: For we are God’s people.**

*~ Mindy Welton-Mitchell*

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN #715

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Karen Talley

## PRAYER FOR RACIAL HEALING

*August 22– 28, 2021, is recognized in Virginia as Racial Truth & Reconciliation Week to promote the reckoning of Virginia’s past and the reconciling of Virginia’s present. The campaign seeks to empower the voices and experiences of marginalized communities in acknowledgement of truth to promote healing, reconciliation, and justice; and to advance policies that dismantle systems that perpetuate racial trauma, oppression, and inequity. The prayer comes from Catholic Charities USA.*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER (ALL)

**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.**

## ANTHEM

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”  
The Moses Hogan Singers

*arr. Hogan*

## SCRIPTURE

James 1:1-5; 3:17-18

## SERMON

“Learning”

Mark Biddle

## TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

*arr. Horn*

*Worship should change us. Take time to reflect on all you have seen and heard and how you will put what you have learned into practice this week. Be specific. You are invited to write down your response and, as moved, place it in the offering plate along with your financial gifts to the kingdom building work of this congregation.*

## HYMN #254

“Breath on Me, Breath of God”

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## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIFTH SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP

Next Sunday, we will join Chamberlayne Heights UMC in worship. This outdoor service will begin at 10am and be in the parking lot next to the education wing. Bring a lawn chair (or snag a folding chair from the Fellowship Hall). Rev. Lindsey Franklin, Associate Pastor for Development at Richmond Hill, will be our guest preacher and Fred Horn will provide the music. The service will be streamed to Zoom.

### CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT CONVERSATIONS

If you missed the session August 22, you are invited to join the one on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30pm. Whether or not you are able to attend a session, we hope you will respond to some reflection questions at [www.ginterparkbc.org/survey](http://www.ginterparkbc.org/survey).

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners Book Club will meet Sunday, September 19 @ 4pm at the home of Melissa Blazek (and Georgia and Austin.) We will be sharing our summer reads! Look forward to seeing YOU!

### METRO RICHMOND AT PRAYER

Since March 2006, more than 470 churches in Metropolitan Richmond have joined in covenant to pray together weekly for the 1.2 million people who live in metro Richmond. GPBC has joined in this Covenant of Prayer, which began its fifteenth year on March 1, 2021. You can learn more and read the weekly prayers at [www.metroprayrva.org](http://www.metroprayrva.org).

During August, we pray for workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of August 22, we pray for owners and managers: for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

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### HYMN TEXTS

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#### #715 “Now Thank We All our God”

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices,  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,

and keep us full of grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
our Father and our Mother,  
to Christ and to the One  
who binds us to each other,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

#### #254 “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.