

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

6100 Chamberlayne Road, Richmond VA • September 5, 2021 • 10:30 AM

REFLECTION

“Operate with a culture of generosity, trusting in the abundance of God and refusing to operate with a scarcity mentality.” ~ 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

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Fred Horn, Pianist

Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gordon Leathers

One: What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

Many: God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.

One: What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

Many: God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.

One: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

Many: We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts.

~ Thom M. Shuman

OPENING PRAYER

Dixie Leathers

HYMN #665

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

GERMANY

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sheryl Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

“Jesus Loves Me”

Bradbury

Lewis Washington, Baritone, and Deborah Dierks, Piano

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 14:28-15:15

SERMON

“Generous”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

arr. Horn

Worship should change us. Where have you seen generosity at work in your own life or in the lives of those around you? How might you be generous this week? You are invited to write down your response to take with you or to place in the offering plate along with your financial gifts to the kingdom building work of this congregation.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Fred Horn

HYMN #383 (STANZA 1)

“Savior, Thy Dying Love”

SOMETHING FOR JESUS

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

More than just a Bible study, this gathering is a small group of folks interested in each other and interested in taking a deeper dive into the scriptures. Seeking to learn both about and from the stories of the Bible, the group gathers each Thursday morning from 10-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Led by Don Polaski, this is not your ordinary Bible study! All are welcome. "We have snacks!"

QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

It is almost time for our quarterly church business meeting! It will take place on Sunday, September 19 following the worship service and will be accessible to folks in-person as well as via Zoom. We will hear reports from the Board of Deacons, Board of Managers, and Ministry Leadership Team. As it is a regular business meeting, anyone may bring a matter for the church's consideration. Per our governance documents, all who come within the orbit of our community will be welcomed at and given voice in congregational business meetings. A quorum will consist of members present.

WEEKEND BACKPACK MINISTRY GEARING UP!

It's time to start volunteering for assembling Weekend Backpacks of food for students at Ginter Park Elementary. Watch for a REALM post with details or contact Dixie @ 804-380-2529 to get on board!

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.

During September, we pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of September 5, we pray for all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, and staff; for curriculum that is grounded in truth and meaning; for space to nourish the creative seed in both teachers and students.

HYMN TEXTS

CCLI License # 21155203

#665 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of clan and race,
above the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.

Till all shall learn compassion's might,
following where your feet have trod,
till glorious from your realm of light
shall come the city of our God.

#383 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

Savior, thy dying love
thou gavest me,
nor should I aught withhold,
dear Lord, from thee:
in love my soul would bow,
my heart fulfill its vow,
some offering bring thee now,
something for thee.