

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

“Be accountable to one another, speaking out when necessary and asking awkward questions that may upset the status quo.” ~ 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

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Chilcote

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Johnson

One: We are not our own:

Many: so, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.

One: We are not on our own:

Many: so, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

One: We are not our own, we are God's:

Many: so, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.

One: We are not on our own, as we walk the streets of God's kingdom:

Many: so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow Jesus Christ.

~ Thom M. Shuman

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #6

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT ZEUDEN ZART

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.

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM #82

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

SPARROW

SCRIPTURE

James 5:16

SERMON

“Accountable”

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Rescue the Perishing”

arr. Horn

Worship should change us. How might you put into practice this week what you have heard and seen this morning? 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.

HYMN #585 (STANZA 1)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

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. We are looking for monthly coordinators to make sure the food is purchased and sorted into bags each week, as well as a backup bag deliverer on Fridays. Check out REALM for 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.metroprayer.org.

During September, we pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of September 5, we pray for all public, private and religious schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

HYMN TEXTS

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#6 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

Our God is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band;
to God all praise and glory!

Then all my gladsome way along
I sing aloud your praises
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body take your part;
to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own God's power proclaim
around the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone;
to God all praise and glory!

#82 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Why should I feel discouraged,
why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely,
and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,

I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth,
but one step I may see;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. [*Refrain*]

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. [*Refrain*]

#585 "What a friend we have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.