

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH & CHAMBERLYANE HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

*"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."
~ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

CHIMING THE TRINITY & LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

"Pass It On"
Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Williams

One: Blessed be Sunday. Blessed be God's "shalom."

Many: Blessed be the joy of kinship. Blessed be the joy of friendship.

One: Blessed be the joy of breaking bread.

Many: Blessed be the fruits of fertile earth.

One: Blessed be God for our kinship – with all races and creeds, and with all God's creatures.

Many: God looks upon us all, and it is all very good!

~ William John Fitzgerald, A Contemporary Celtic Prayer Book

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #484

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

MESSAGE

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Linda Ray

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(All in unison.)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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 #494 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

ST. BRENDAN'S

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

"Love's Echo"

Tripp Hudgins

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

"Holy Ground"

arr. Horn

Worship should change us. How might you put into practice this week what you have heard and seen this morning? Take this time to reflect on actionable ideas and commit yourself to one.

HYMN #112

"Holy Ground"

HOLY GROUND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Johnson

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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WORSHIP NEWS

Mark, our preaching minister, is away four Sundays, enjoying a well-deserved break. Today we are blessed to enjoy a joint worship service with Chamberlayne Heights UMC with the Rev. Tripp Hudgins as our guest preacher. Tripp is a preacher, teacher, musician, and general church nerd. He is currently a doctoral candidate at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, and lives in Bellevue with his wife, son, two cats, and some hermit crabs. On November 7, we will observe All Saints Sunday and celebrate Holy Communion; the Revs. Chris & Kim Crowley will be leading us in worship. Mark rejoins us Nov. 14.

SOPHIA FARMS OPEN DAY ON THE FARM

Sophia will hold an Open Day on the Farm on Saturday, November 6, from 10 am to 3 pm. All are invited to come out to the farm and see the CSA patch live and in person, take a self-guided tour, sample some Sophia produce and products, take a short hike to Stony Creek, enjoy a hay ride, and generally drink in the exquisite beauty of the farm. 15233 Gatewood Rd, Dinwiddie, VA.

OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER MEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Around 50 homeless men and women come to the Oregon Hill Baptist Center every Thursday for a meal and other amenities such as a place to do laundry, snack bags, and access to a clothes closet. Various churches take turns providing a mid-morning meal each week. Our Ministry Leadership Team will be providing a hot breakfast and serving the breakfast for this mission on November 4, 2021. As a church, we are also helping to provide snack bags.

Our next opportunity to assist with this mission will be to provide Thanksgiving food bags to those families who are in need. Details regarding items needed for the food bags can be found on Realm. They would also love \$10.00 gift cards from Food Lion or Kroger to be used towards the purchase of a turkey or other perishable items. For those wishing to participate in the Thanksgiving donations, please bring items to church on November 14 or contact Katherine Baucom and she will make arrangements for a pick up!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Because several of the regulars will serve food at Oregon Hill, the group will meet at 11 am this Thursday, November 4. Folks are welcome to come at 10:45 am for coffee and fellowship, with the group time beginning at 11 am and ending at noon. If you would prefer to join via Zoom, please let Don Polaski know in advance so he will have his laptop with him and provide you with the link.

QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Our next regularly scheduled business meeting will take place on Sunday, November 14, following worship. We will serve boxed lunches in the Fellowship Hall prior to the start of the meeting. (A small donation to offset costs will be appreciated.) In addition to our regular reports, we will have an important conversation around two different approaches to our 2022 Ministry Plan (budget). More details about lunch and the Ministry Plan options will be posted on Realm.

COLLECT THOSE TAB TOPS!

Save your tab tops from drink cans as well as from vegetable and meat cans to support Ronald McDonald House. Believe it or not, the Ronald McDonald House is able to pay its utility bills by recycling tab tops from several churches for cash! Collection bins can be found in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning.

PAGE TURNER BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCES...

...your next book to read! *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V. E. Schwab. All are welcome to join in the fun. Mark your calendars: our next meeting will be Sunday, Nov 14th at 4 pm. (Location TBA)

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 October, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of October 31, we pray for advocates who provide a voice for the rights of persons whose voices are not heard.

HYMN TEXTS

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#484 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

[Refrain:]

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. [Refrain]

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. [Refrain]

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. [Refrain]

494 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's
pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

#112 “Holy Ground”

We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there are angels
All around
Let us praise Jesus now
We are standing in his presence
On holy ground