

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday Worship • November 7, 2021 • 10:30 AM

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“Time is how you spend your love.” ~ Nick Laird, The Last Saturday in Ulster

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 AM)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (All)

O Light of Christ, bring your steadfast love here to illuminate all that will be gathered here. Redeem us from trouble in the fire of your love. Amen.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”
Kim Crowley, Pianist

arr. Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gordon Leathers

One: See how God loves us!

Many: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

One: See how Christ loves us!

Many: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

One: See how the Spirit loves us!

Many: The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.

OPENING PRAYER

Dixie Leathers

HYMN #20

“I’ll Praise My Maker”

OLD 113TH

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Raymond Cady

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 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.

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

SERMON

“Traveled Down A Road and Back Again”

Chris Crowley

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

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.

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Sandra Hack Polaski

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-6a

PRAYER LITANY

One: O Holy One, we give thanks for our ancestors of the faith: for Sarah and Hagar and Abraham, for Ishmael and Isaac and Rebekkah, for Leah and Rachel, Jacob and Esau, Bilhah and Zilpah, for Dinah and Tamar and Judah and his brothers.

Many: We pray we might grow and learn from them, from their blessings and mistakes, that have helped shape our faith stories passed down to us through today.

One: On this All Saints Sunday, we remember and give thanks for those who have guided us in our lives to you, who have been examples for us of your love, mercy, and justice.

Many: **We thank you for those for whom we learned from their mistakes, and those whose loss is still tender in our hearts.**

One: In many cultures and traditions, we celebrate and honor our ancestors.

Many: **Today, we honor those who helped give birth to your body here on earth, the church that binds us.**

One: O God, may their memory bless us, and may we understand our tears to be holy. Until that day when every tear is wiped away and sorrow and death are no more, may we remember and give thanks, holding our hearts in gentleness.

Many: **For we know that you will restore all things, bind all things, and carry us forward into eternity through the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

Bettie Bowen

January 29, 1933 – November 17, 2020

Annie Mae Cowardin

March 23, 1927 – November 25, 2020

Gary Cowardin

March 29, 1947 – December 11, 2020

Al Bowen

February 5, 1931 – June 5, 2021

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Pie Jesu”

Fauré

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN #639

“Give Thanks for Life”

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP NEWS

Mark, our preaching minister, is away four Sundays, enjoying a well-deserved break and rejoins us next Sunday. Today as we observe All Saints Sunday and celebrate Holy Communion, the Reverends Kim and Chris Crowley lead us in worship. The Crowleys live in Westover Hills with their first-grade daughter, Erica, and dogs Iris and Chance. Kim, the senior reverend, as Erica refers to her, is a 2009 graduate of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, and has served Baptist and Disciples of Christ churches for fifteen years as Associate Pastor, Children’s Minister, and Interim Pastor. Chris, the junior reverend, is a 2020 graduate of John Leland Center for Theological Studies, and before that attended BTSR, and was Minister of Music at Chamberlayne Baptist Church.

OREGON HILL BAPTIST CENTER THANKSGIVING MEALS

We are providing Thanksgiving food bags to families served by the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. Details regarding items needed for the food bags can be found on Realm. They would also love \$10 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

The Thursday Bible study will be back meeting at its regular time of 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer to join via Zoom, please let Don Polaski know by 9 am that morning so he will have his laptop with him and can 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. Please let Nancy know if you are interested in lunch. In addition to our regular reports, we will have an important conversation around two different approaches to our 2022 Ministry Plan (budget).

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 at the Blazeaks.

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 November, we pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of November 7, we pray for single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

HYMN TEXTS

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20 "I'll Praise My Maker"

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath,
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

How happy those whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky,
and earth, and seas, with all their train:
whose truth forever stands secure;
who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,
and none shall find God's promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight to the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the powerless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

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639 "How Firm a Foundation"

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days;
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope, that, like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain,
in resurrection to grow green again:
Alleluia! Alleluia!