

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoom Conference (Meeting ID: 834 854 376 • Password: GPBC)
Second Sunday after Epiphany • January 16, 2022 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING IN SILENCE (10:20 AM)

As we move into this time of reflection and preparation, you are invited to light a candle as a reminder that God is present with us now and always.

WELCOME (10:30 AM)

Sheryl Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenise Swall

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

Many: your steadfast love finds us.

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

Many: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

Many: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

Many: you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

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

"I Can Tell the World"
The Moses Hogan Chorale

arr. Hogan

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

SERMON

"The Manifestation of the Spirit"

Mark Biddle

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
Fred Horn, Pianist

arr. Thurmond

Worship should change us. How might you put into practice this week what you have heard and seen this morning? During this time, you are invited to write down your response or share it with another household member to help you carry it with you beyond this hour of worship.

HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 23

Our next regularly scheduled business meeting will take place January 23, 2022 following the worship service (approximately 11:30am). We will approve our 2022 Ministry Plan (i.e., budget) and hear reports from our boards and committees. Please make plans to attend. Documents relating to the meeting will be posted on Realm in the coming week. Meeting ID: 834 854 376 Passcode: GPBC

WEEKEND BACKPACK COORDINATORS NEEDED

Yes, we are still packing those backpacks of food for GPES kiddos! We have been packing 30 bags per week and are increasing that to 36 bags starting this month. As we continue that work, we need to line up volunteers to co-ordinate this process for the months of April and May. Let Dixie Leathers or the church office (gpbcb@ginterparkbc.org) know if you would like to coordinate the packing of the bags for either of those months.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REMINDER

The committee continues to solicit feedback by adding new questions for you to respond to. You can respond online at <https://bit.ly/gpbcbpastorsearch> – feel free to skip over questions you've already answered or contribute additional thoughts.

PLEDGE TO END RACISM WORKSHOP

The Richmond Pledge to End Racism offers a 12-hr workshop to help participants: learn how to confront racism and bias in everyday encounters; recognize and challenge systemic racism; and take on a personal leadership role in ending racism in their community.

The next workshop, led by Sheryl Johnson, will take place Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm via Zoom starting January 24 and running through March 7 (no meeting on February 14). Sessions include large group presentations and conversations as well as small group work. Space is limited and the registration deadline is January 19. Find out more and register at www.richmondpledge.org/workshop.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Bible study has resumed their weekly gatherings and will meet on Zoom - not in person – through at least the rest of this month. They will reassess at the end of January and hope to go back to in-person meetings in February. All are welcome to join! Meeting ID: 958 5194 0358 Passcode: Theophilus

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

It's right around the corner! Get reading! The book we are reading is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. We will meet to discuss this book on February 6 at 4pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 856 6687 9800 Passcode: 543736

RESHAPING CHURCH IN A VOLATILE WORLD: CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE

GPBC is familiar with the good work Mark Tidsworth does through Pinnacle Leadership Associates. Their next offering takes place February – June and invites congregational leaders – which all of us are – to explore how churches respond to volatile times. The collective includes monthly online seminars (live or recorded) as well as small group coaching with other congregations' leaders. Each participant receives a copy of the book *ReShape: Exploring Church Practice in a Volatile World*. More details are available on Realm. Contact Sheryl if you are interested. There is no cost to participants and no limit to the number of people we can send.

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 January, we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism in Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of January 16, **we pray to experience the healing power of Jesus's resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.**