

# The Worship of God

## GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost • October 16, 2022 • 10:30 AM

### GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

*“To be sure, this is an adapt-or-die moment. This is a moment when most of our backs are against the wall, and we are unsure if the church will survive to the next generation. The answer is not to try harder but to start a new adventure.” - Tod E. Bolsinger, Canoeing in the Mountains*

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Polaski

One: We gather here in anticipation, seeking an encounter with our Holy God.

**Many: The God who comes among us when we least expect it,**

One: Who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts;

**Many: The God who richly blesses us and calls us each by name.**

One: Our God is with us every moment.

**Many: Our Lord is in our celebrations and joys; God is in our darkest nights.**

One: Our God blesses us and calls us by name.

**Many: As we struggle in the darkness, night fades and gives way to light. May we be blessed by the Creator in new ways and paths!**

### INVOCATION PRAYER

#### HYMN No. 100

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDE DOMINI

### SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Don Polaski

### 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.**

#### HYMN No. 570

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

SWEET HOUR

### SCRIPTURE

[Genesis 32:22-31](#)

Anita Laffoon

### SERMON

“A Change Will do You Good”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Holy Ground”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 540

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

ST. MARGARET

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: **And also with you...**

### **Announcements**

#### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of October 16, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond; for all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort; for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

#### **Worship isn't the same without you...**

...and we'd love to have your help! We need volunteers to help on Sunday mornings by leading the Call to Worship and the Prayers of the People, and to facilitate the Zoom room. Click the link below to sign up or ask Anita ([alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org](mailto:alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org)) about volunteering!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AACA72CA3FBC70-worship>

**The Thursday morning Bible study** continues its study of the book of Acts on Thursdays at 10am in the educational wing. Entry is the door on the far left at the front of the church. Don is a professor in the Religious Studies Department at Randolph-Macon College and can be reached at [dcpolaski@gmail.com](mailto:dcpolaski@gmail.com) if you have questions.

#### **BP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2022-23!**

Yeah, we have coordinators for the month of March! Thank you Karen & Kyle for volunteering! So...we just need coordinators for the months of May & June! Monthly coordinators are needed to purchase food items and make sure the 36 bags are packed and delivered each week to GPES. If you have questions about the process or to volunteer (as a coordinator or a helper), let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM. PS...keep bringing in those grocery bags!!

#### **PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB**

A new book has been chosen! The book to read and discuss in November is “The Dictionary of Lost Words” by Pip Williams. We will meet again on November 20th at 4pm. Location TBA.

#### **Your Voice Matters**

The Department of Education has released its proposed “Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia’s Public Schools.” The link below allows you to read the proposed document and voice your opinion now through October 26th.

[Guidance Document Public Comment Forum \(virginia.gov\)](#) Also, check out the [Public Comment Guide](#) for more information about the forum.

## Weeknight Bible Study

CBF Virginia and the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky have collaborated to produce a five-week, discussion-based study called "Faithful Curiosity." **Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19th at 7pm.** Email Anita at [alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org](mailto:alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org) if you are interested in joining us!

[Click here](#) to preview the study.

for I have seen GOD

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FACE to JOAN

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and yet my life has  
been delivered.

## Hymn Texts

### **When Morning Gilds the Skies**

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!

Discordant humankind, in this your concorde find, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!

### **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

### **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.