

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

You will say on that day: "I thank you, Lord. Though you were angry with me, your anger turned away and you comforted me. God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid. Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation." You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation. And you will say on that day: "Thank the Lord; call on God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the peoples; declare that God's name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things; proclaim this throughout all the earth." Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion, because the holy one of Israel is great among you.--Isaiah 12

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Hack Polaski

Leader: Thank the Lord with all your heart, in the gathered assembly of God's people.

People: Mighty are the deeds of the Lord, great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

Leader: Holy and awesome is God's name! To worship the Lord is the highest wisdom; those who do so know all that is good—God's praises will last forever. *(from Psalm 111)*

INVOCATION PRAYER

Sandra Hack Polaski

HYMN No. 25

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

SHARING OF JOYS & BLESSINGS FROM FORMER PASTOR

The Pastor Search Committee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tracy Cady

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.**

THE COVENANT OF INSTALLATION

Leader: Dear friends, today we celebrate **Anita Lafoon**, who has been called to serve as Senior Pastor of Ginter Park Baptist Church. We believe that she has been called in service to God through the ministry of this congregation. We believe that she is well qualified. Anita has been prayerfully recommended to this congregation by the Pastor Search

Committee and we, the people known as Ginter Park Baptist Church, have affirmed this calling.

Leader (*to Anita*): Anita, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; administering the sacred rites of the church; ministering to those who are sick and troubled; sharing in leadership to strengthen the church's life; representing in a worthy manner what it means to live in faithful response to God's abiding grace; and a sustainer of the love, order, and discipleship of God.

Anita: *Today I affirm this covenant in the presence of this congregation.*

Leader: People in Christ, we are committed to participate in the ministries of this Church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. Will you who celebrate this new beginning, support and uphold Anita in these ministries?

People: We avow our covenant to support Anita with our prayers, presence, gifts, and Service. (Signing of the Covenant by the Coordinating Council)

HYMN No. 46

“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”

OLD HUNDRETH

PRAYER FOR OUR PASTOR

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Anita as our pastor. Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, you still call us to go into your service and spread the message of the salvation of your Son.

People: Bless richly, we pray, your servant Anita's entrance into our fellowship. Fill her with the power of your Holy Spirit and let her find with us an open door for the Word. We also pray for your Church on earth.

Leader: Equip us all with a spirit of willingness, that we with courage can witness about you by the profession of our mouths and through our way of living.

People: Grant us all to partake in your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world, to be radiating and make alive that hope which Christ gives.

Leader: All this we dare to pray of you; for you are to us the Father of mercy and the God of all grace; you are the Son, the Savior and the Redeemer; you are the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Helper and the Giver of Life.

People: Amen.

(Laying on of Hands, Pantry Pounding, and Signing the Stole)

HYMN No. 537

“My Hope Is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

SCRIPTURE

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

Kendra Grimes

SERMON

“Gaining Your Soul”

Kendra Grimes

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

May the strength of God be with you. May you never tire of the work God calls you to do for the benefit of God’s kingdom. Go forth with the power of the Holy Spirit. Go to share the good news of the gospel with everyone you meet, for Christ is alive, alive in you! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

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

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The **Rev. Kendra Grimes** is Chaplain and Director of Church Relations at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. She directs the A. Purnell Bailey Program for Ordained Ministry and leads the Convergence Youth Theology Institute on Faith and Science at R-MC. An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Kendra has pastored congregations in Virginia and North Georgia and previously served as Chaplain at UMFS (United Methodist Family Services.) Kendra earned a B.A. in Religious Studies and Psychology from Berry College and an MDiv from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She was a founding member of the non-profit Circles Ashland, a former chair and current member of the VaUMC Missional Ministries Board, and a leader in the Virginia Methodists for a New Thing movement organizing for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the church.

Announcements**Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of November 13, we pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

Business Meeting

We will have a business meeting after worship on November 20th to present and discuss our 2023 budget. Please make plans to attend in person or via Zoom.

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) 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 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. We will meet at Dixie's house. If you have questions, call/text/email Dixie.

Weeknight Bible Study

We are meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm for a five-week, discussion-based study called "Faithful Curiosity," which CBF Virginia and the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky have collaborated to produce. Email Anita at alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org if you are interested in joining us! [Click here](#) to preview the study.

Hymn Texts

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
granted in what God ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee.
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races,
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the Amen sound from God's people again.
Gladly for ever sing praises.

My Hope Is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

In faith we gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

In faith we'll gather round the table to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.