

# The Worship of God

## GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent • December 4, 2022 • 10:30 AM

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

*"[We] had turned from the contemplation of God above, and were looking for [God] in the opposite direction, down among created things and things of sense... The Word of God, in [God's] great love, took to [Godself] a body and moved [among them], meeting their senses, so to speak, half way."*

- St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good..." - Psalm 34:8*

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Irwin

One: The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesse.

**Many: This justice shall be for all of creation.**

One: Peace shall be established in all the world.

**Many: Get ready! Prepare for God's peace to reign!**

One: Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

**Many: We give thanks to God for this time of healing and hope. AMEN.**

### INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 711

"O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines"

TRURO

### ADVENT READING

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

Fred and Lisa Horn

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

"Peace"

### ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE

"Advent Doxology"  
Words and Music Printed Below

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### SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Paul Irwin

### 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. 160** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN ROS  
**SCRIPTURE** [Luke 1:5-7, 23-25](#) Anita Laffoon  
**SERMON** "Sweet Child O' Mine" Anita Laffoon  
*Taste*  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE** "Let There Be Peace on Earth with Sweet Child of Mine" Arr. Horn

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN** "Soon and Very Soon" SOON AND VERY SOON  
Lyrics Below

#### **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 December 4, we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city; and for sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

#### **Books for Backpacks**

You are invited to make a donation towards the purchase of books for children in our Weekend Backpack Program. Donations may be made generally or in memory/honor of a loved one. When making out your checks, on the memo line add Books for BP's. A list of tributes will be included in our worship guide. Donors will receive a special Christmas ornament as an acknowledgement (created and made by Eric Johnson). Money will be collected through Dec. 11 and the books will be added in the Weekend Backpack food bags that will be delivered Dec. 15. Help support the love of reading in our young people. Ornaments can be picked up on Dec. 18.

#### **Women's Lunch and Cookie Swap**

Lunch and a cookie swap will follow worship on December 11. Lunch is provided - please let Ann Keller know by Thursday, December 8, if you will be there. Contact her at [countjoy@verizon.net](mailto:countjoy@verizon.net) or 804-399-3478. Pick up a flyer in the Fellowship Hall with cookie swap guidelines or contact Nancy Williams for details. [npw129@msn.com](mailto:npw129@msn.com) or 804-512-3130. Come join the fun and Christmas cheer!!

#### **Leaning into Advent**

There will be an opportunity for conversation and fellowship before worship on the four Sundays of Advent. Bring your favorite Advent readings and/or devotionals - these readings will be the springboard for the conversation each week. What speaks to you? What insights have you had? How are the readings

opening your eyes to deeper meaning? How are you leaning into Advent?

We'll gather December 4, 11, 18. Come as often as you can for coffee, refreshments and time with one another - 9:15 - 10 a.m. in the Bible Study room in the Education wing

### **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...**

...meets December 1 and 8 and then breaks for the holidays. Sessions resume January 12, 2023. All are invited to join this fascinating time together as we study the Acts of the Apostles. We meet in the education wing of the building at 10 a.m. for fellowship, prayer, refreshments and study.

### **Back Pack Update!**

Yeah, we have coordinators for the entire school year!!! Thank you Kira and Miranda for taking the month of May! However, YOU are not off the hook...keep bringing in those grocery bags!!! We are packing 36 double bags each week! If you have questions about the process let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM. PS...keep bringing in those grocery bags!!

### **Page Turners Book Club**

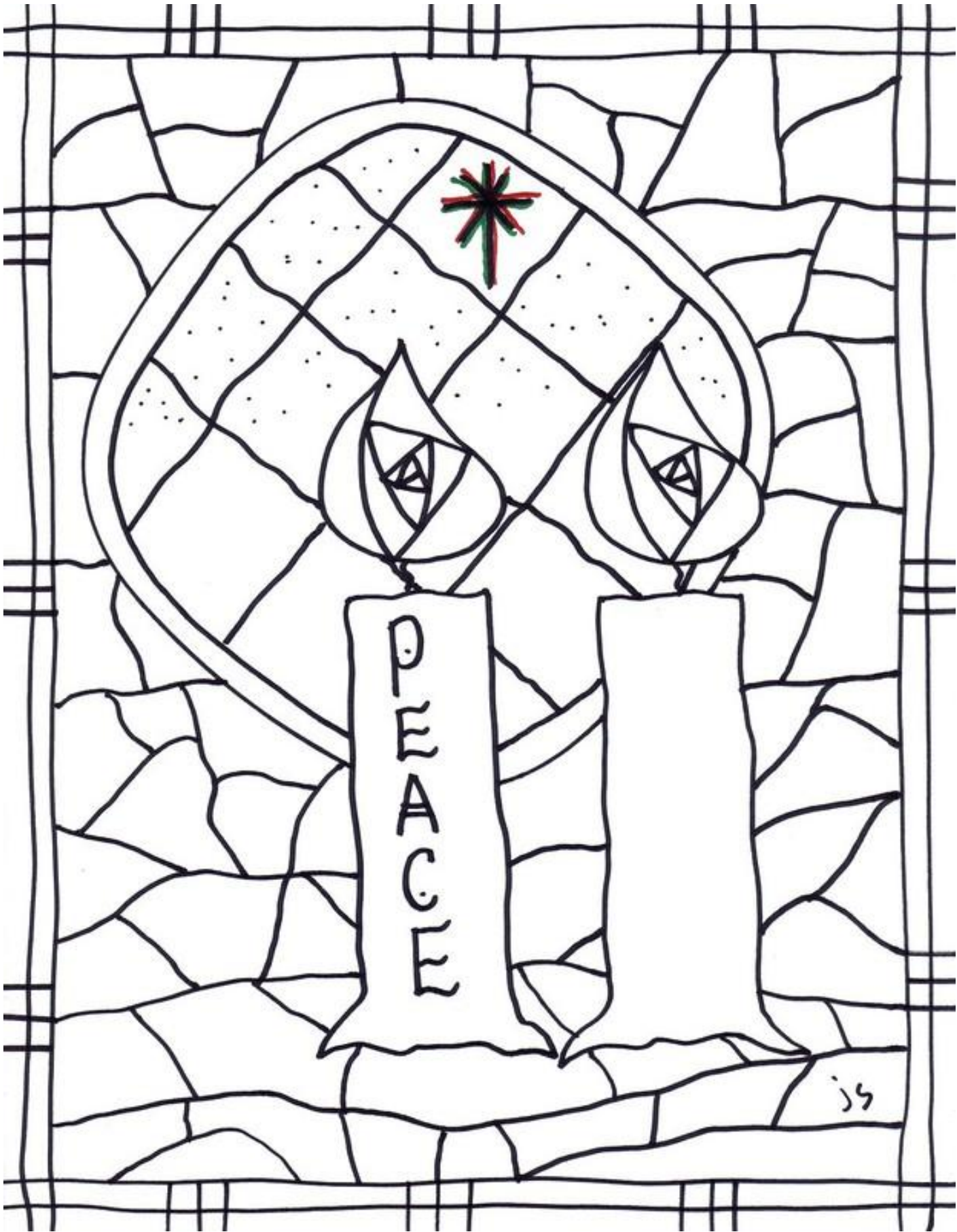
A new book has been chosen! The book to read and discuss in February is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. We will meet at 4pm. Location TBD.

### **Weeknight Bible Study**

Be on the lookout for another weeknight study to begin after Christmas!

### **Thank You from Elmer West**

Dear Ginter Park Friends, An abiding "Thank you" to so many of you who wished me a Happy Birthday-100! It warmed my heart! PS...You can see Elmer's hand written note on Realm also!



## Hymn Texts

### **O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines**

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

## Advent Doxology

(Once in Royal David's City)

R. G. Huff

IRBY  
Henry J. Gauntlett

Unison

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, the new - born Son.  
Praise the Spir - it, ev - er\_\_\_ with us. Praise the God - head, Three in\_\_\_ One.  
Clear a path! Pre-pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

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### **Lo, How a Rose, E'er Blooming**

Lo, how a rose, e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung;  
it came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter  
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior  
when half-spent was the night.

### **Soon and Very Soon**

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're are goin' to see the King!