

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday After Epiphany • January 22, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

One: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**Many: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.**

One: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

**Many: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.**

One: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

**Many: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Williams

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 337

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

GALILEE

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Nancy Williams

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. 665

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

GERMANY

SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 4:12-23](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

"Don't Look Back"

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE "Softly and Tenderly with Don't Look Back"

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 344

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

ASSAM

## **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 January 22, we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life.

### **Church Business Meeting**

The next church business meeting will be TODAY, immediately after worship. Please make plans to attend either 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. Contact Anita to sign up ([alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org](mailto:alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org))!

### **Study Opportunities**

- Thursday mornings at 10am
- Sunday mornings at 9am (beginning Feb 5th)
- Weeknight study beginning Feb 21st (time TBD)

### **Chili Cook-off and Game Night**

Mark your calendars for Friday, January 27th - we're having a chili cook-off! Join us for food, fellowship, and bingo. Look for a sign-up event on Realm!

### **Back Pack Update!**

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.

### **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.



## **Hymn Texts**

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### **Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me";

Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home, and toil, and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

### **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of clan and race,  
above the noise of selfish strife, O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again.

Till all shall learn compassion's might, following where your feet have trod,  
till glorious from your realm of light shall come the city of our God.

### **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus--no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me--no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow,  
though none go with me, I still will follow, no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.