

# The Worship of God

## GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Transfiguration Sunday • February 19, 2023 • 10:30 AM

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

*“To put it simply: the Holy Spirit bothers us. Because he moves us, he makes us walk, he pushes the Church to go forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: ‘Ah, how wonderful it is to be here like this, all together!’ ... But don’t bother us. We want the Holy Spirit to doze off ... we want to domesticate the Holy Spirit. And that’s no good. because he is God, he is that wind which comes and goes and you don’t know where. He is the power of God, he is the one who gives us consolation and strength to move forward. But: to move forward! And this bothers us. It’s so much nicer to be comfortable.”*

— Pope Francis, *Encountering Truth: Meeting God in the Everyday*

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ruth Caudill

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Williams

One: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

**Many: We are called to be God’s people.**

One: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

**Many: We are called to follow wherever he leads.**

One: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God’s voice,

**Many: We are called to worship in wonder and praise.**

### INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 66

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

### 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. 595

“Be Thou My Vision”

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### SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Anita Laffoon

### SERMON

“Blinded by the Light”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “Shine, Jesus, Shine with Blinded by the Light”

Arr. Horn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 112

“Holy Ground”

HOLY GROUND

## 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 February 19, we pray for the coming of God’s realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For redemption of the divisions, prejudices, pettiness, despair, and discrimination of the past.

### **Ash Wednesday**

The Ash Wednesday service will be at 6pm on February 22nd. Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent and our season of preparation for Easter.

### **Team Right Brain**

Team Right Brain will be presenting their report during the Church Check-in AFTER worship on March 12th! Please make plans to attend either in person or via Zoom.

### **Team Left Brain**

We’re ready for Team Left Brain! We need 4 people to take Team Right Brain’s report and match us with a new home. If you’re a logistics person or you’re good with numbers and figures, we need you! Let Anita know if you're willing to volunteer.

### **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 - the book of Acts
- Sunday mornings at 9am - *Do I Stay Christian?* By Brian McLaren
- Weeknight study begins soon! (time TBD) - *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans

### **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 - TODAY**

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 Dixie Leathers’ house at 4pm on Feb 19th.



## **Hymn Texts**

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### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

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.

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Holy Ground**

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now, we are standing in his presence on holy ground.