

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Christmas in July • July 9, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & FELLOWSHIP (10:20 AM)

“For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself.” - Charles Dicken, *A Christmas Carol*

CAROL NO. 143

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandra Hack 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.**

BLESSINGS FOR KUTENDA

Anita Laffoon

One: Long before the change of name, before the first signs of new life showed the beginnings of promises fulfilled, You asked Abram to make his home among foreigners, and share the blessing that was to come.

Many: And when we could not find our way to You, You came and made a home among us; Word becoming flesh, a light shining in the darkness.

One: And now, O God, you ask the same faith of us: the faith to count ourselves among the least, to find our place alongside the poor and broken; the faith to trust in your mercy and your promises, and to share what we have received.

Many: The faith to wait expectantly for your reign of justice and equity, together with those who most need its gifts.

One: May the gifts we send today carry Your love to those who feel forgotten, and share the blessings that we take for granted:

Many: The blessing of plenty shared with those who have need,

One: The blessing of healing shared with those who are sick and wounded,

Many: The blessing of joy shared with those who celebrate and of tears shared with those who grieve,

One: The blessing of friendship shared with those who are excluded, and of solidarity with those who fight injustice,

Many: The blessing of peace shared with those in conflict, and of confrontation shared with those who

bring harm; and in some small way, may our faith and our sharing, help to bring your promises into being in our world. Amen.

CAROLING

“Sleigh Ride”
“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”

Anderson
Martin and Blane

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

CAROLS

“Congregation’s Choice”

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 July 9, we pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and government employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Alliance of Baptists seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world and our solidarity with all creation. They welcome and affirm all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities and hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status. Their core values are to create a theological Home, pursuit of God’s Justice, and partnership in Mission.

Feast with Friends

Join us for lunch on July 30th at the HogsHead Cafe right after worship! We’ll order off the menu with separate checks, but please sign up on Realm so we can give the restaurant an approximate headcount. Feel free to invite a friend!

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)!

BackPack Summer collecting!

Thank you, thank you! You all are the greatest...at bringing in grocery bags! And, YES, we will continue to collect bags during the summer. If you have questions about the process let Dixie know! Contact information can be found on REALM.

Hymn Texts

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Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Sleigh Ride

Just hear those sleigh bells jingle-ing, ring ting tingle-ing, too,
come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you,
outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "Yoo Hoo,"
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up, let's go, let's look at the snow
We're riding in a wonderland of snow.

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up, it's grand, just holding your hand.
We're gliding along with the song of a wintry fairy land,

Our cheeks are nice and rosy, and comfy cozy are we,
we're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be.
Let's take the road before us and sing a chorus or two.
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.

There's a birthday party at the home of farmer Gray, it'll be the perfect ending of a perfect day
We'll be singing the songs we love to sing without a single stop.
At the fireplace while we watch the chestnuts pop. Pop! Pop! Pop!

There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy, When they pass around the coffee and the pumpkin pie.
It'll nearly be like a picture print by Currier and Ives
These wonderful things are the things we remember all through our lives..

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Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, let your heart be light
From now on our troubles will be out of sight.
Have yourself a merry little Christmas, make the Yule-tide gay
From now on our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore,
faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more.
Through the years we all will be together if the fates allow.
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough,
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

