

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost • October 22, 2023 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

During this time of reflection, we invite you to take a few moments to prepare yourself for worship. Take a few deep breaths and settle into the quiet. Center yourself through art by coloring the attached picture. Slip off your shoes and remember that you are on holy ground. No matter what this time looks like for you, all of you is welcome in this space.

“When you need someone to listen, that’s why I leave a light on in the kitchen.” - Ashley McBryde

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Polaski

One: Welcome to a time of wonder

Many: And music that calls us home

One: Welcome to hear God’s words that inspire and challenge

Many: And to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -

One: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

Many: Leading us to live with fully open hearts and widely open doors.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 73

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

WELLESLEY

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Don 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.

HYMN No. 337

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

GALILEE

SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“Light On in the Kitchen”

Anita Laffoon

Packing: Theology and Spirituality of Hospitality

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘People Need the Lord’ with ‘Light On in the Kitchen’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 424

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

WELCOME TABLE

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Our services are hybrid, meaning there are cameras in the worship space to allow those joining us via Zoom to fully participate. If you would rather not be on camera, we have marked the areas where our cameras can’t see you.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of October 22, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency shelters, women’s shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people’s shelters.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Baptist Women in Ministry seeks to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women. Their newest documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*, will be released next summer and features the foremothers telling the story of how BWIM began.

VA Pridefest

Pridefest is TODAY at the Bon Secours Training Center - 2401 W. Leigh Street, Richmond VA 23220. Hope to see you there!

Childcare is now available during worship!

Childcare will be available during worship beginning this Sunday! Thanks to all who have volunteered to make this possible!

Sophia Harvest Celebration

Sophia Theological Seminary is having a Harvest Celebration on the farm from 10am-1pm on Saturday, November 4th. Bring a side dish or dessert to share! 15233 Gatewood Rd, Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Card Crafting Day

Come make Christmas cards with us on Saturday, November 11th beginning at 1pm! No experience or expertise needed. Let Annie or Anita know if you are interested.

Study opportunities:

- Sundays at 9am - Curveball: When Your Faith Takes Turns You Never Saw Coming by Peter Enns
- Thursdays at 10am - Acts of the Apostles
- Wednesdays at 7pm - *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning

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)!

Page Turners Book Club

Next meeting will be November 19 @ 4pm, location TBA. We will meet to discuss *Looking for Alaska* by John Green.

BP Update

We are steadily INCREASING in the number of food bags delivered each week! We are now delivering 29 bags each week. Hoping to be packing 36 bags of food weekly by Thanksgiving for identified food insecure students and Frances McClenney Elementary School. THANKS TO ALL, all volunteer bases are covered to make this happen again this year! PLEASE, continue to bring in those grocery bags...gotta' have those!!!

Hymn Texts

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of the Lord.

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.

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm going to eat at the welcome table, Allelu.

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.

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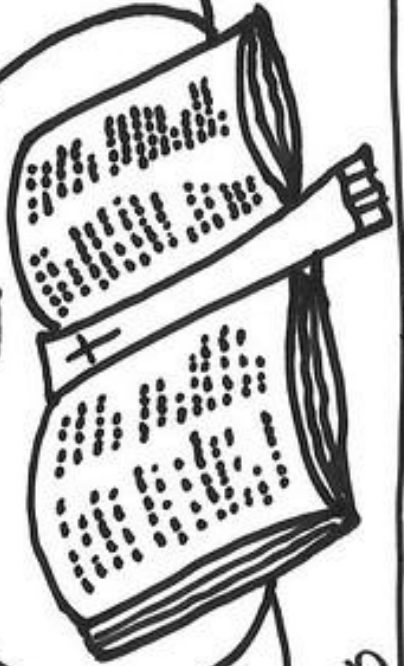
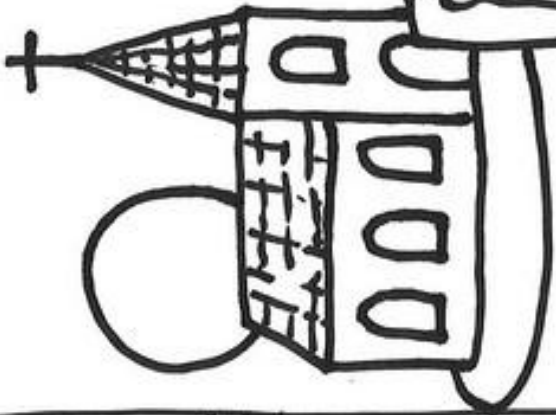
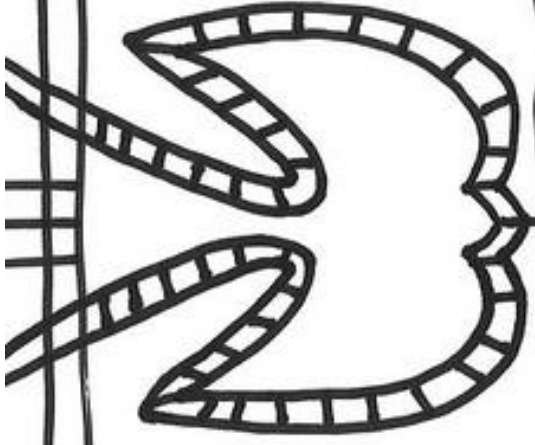
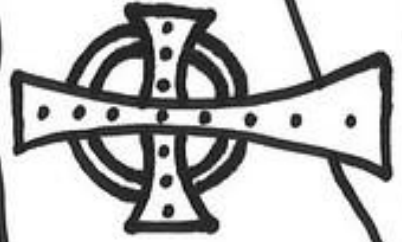
Here all the world will find a welcome, Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.

Here all the world will find a welcome, Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey, We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Allelu.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey, We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Allelu.

We always thank God
for all of you and continually
mention you in our prayers.
- 1 Thessalonians 1 v 2



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