

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday • November 5, 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.

On All Saints Sunday we remember our loved ones - family, friends, guides on our journey - who are no longer with us by lighting candles in memory of them. Feel free to light one (or all) of the candles at your table at any time during the service.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Dixie Leathers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Nieporte

*Responsive readings like this one are a part of worship. The congregation's part is in **bold**.*

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: Never forget the good things God has done for us.

One: Praise the Lord, all the earth—everyone, everywhere!

Many: We too will praise the Lord!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 646

How Blest are they Who Trust in Christ

Some of us stand while singing, and others don't. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Bill Nieporte

Prayer requests are shared out loud with the gathered community. If you have a joy or a concern to share, please raise your hand to request the microphone

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. 636

Abide With Me

SCRIPTURE

[Psalm 103](#)

Melissa Jackson

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Even More Lessons Learned from a Vegetable Patch”

Melissa Jackson

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Blessings”

HOLY COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 619

My Life Flows On

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 November 5, we pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Sophia Theological Seminary grew from a recognition that, in a changing environment, theological education requires a wise and creative re-imagining. Supported by the work of Sophia Farms, the seminary seeks to be an inclusive community where life together will be marked by daily rhythms of study, worship, fellowship, and work.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next business meeting will be Sunday, Nov 12th immediately after worship. Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom.

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

Just for kids!

We now offer lessons and activities for kids during worship! Thanks to all who have volunteered to make this possible!

Four-week Advent study

A 4-week study of *The Uncluttered Heart: Making Room for God During Advent and Christmas* by Beth A. Richardson starts November 16, a few weeks before Advent begins on December 3. The book includes readings for each day - quotes, scripture, reflections, prayers - and goes through Advent to Epiphany. All who are interested are invited to come and join the conversation each week. We'll meet at church from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. on Thursdays: November 16 and 30 and December 7 and 14. We will each order our own book. Contact Keene Irwin for more details. 804-513-3310 keeneirwin@gmail.com

THE SILVER BELLES at Virginia Repertory Theatre

"Tis the season! "The Silver Belles" is a musical about a small-town Christmas pageant and is described as a "heartfelt holiday hoedown with humor and a heaping helping of well-known Christmas songs." We have a group rate for a block of premium seats for the 2 p.m. matinee on Wednesday, November 29 at the November Theatre, 114 West Broad Street. Tickets are \$64 each. Those interested will meet at church at noon for a "bring your own lunch" gathering and then carpool to the play. Those interested in just carpooling can meet by 1 p.m. Nancy Williams is taking reservations and ticket money. November 19 is the deadline for turning in money to Nancy. 804-512-3130 npw129@msn.com

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 33 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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How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ

How blest are they who trust in Christ
when we and those we love must part;
we yield them up, for go they must,
but do not lose them from our heart.

In ripened age, their harvest reaped,
or gone from us in youth or prime,
in Christ they have eternal life,
released from all the bonds of time.

In Christ, who tasted death for us,
we rise above our natural grief,
and witness to a stricken world
the strength and splendor of belief.

Abide With Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, God, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
where is death's dark sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O God, abide with me.

My Life Flows On

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I hear the clear, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.

[Refrain:]

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]