

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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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, your whole self is welcome in this space.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Talley

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

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

Many: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

Many: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

One: In this time of reflection and repentance,

Many: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 165

“Once in Royal David's City”

IRBY

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

Kyle Talley

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.

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
 we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have failed to be an obedient church.
 We have not done your will,
 we have broken your law,
 we have rebelled against your love,
 we have not loved our neighbors,
 and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Free us for joyful obedience,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

KINGSFOLD

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
 and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
 The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
 of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,
 O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy;
 for now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
 now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
 of Him who walked upon the sea and made its waves be still;
 for though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
 when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;
 of Him who hung upon the tree and took our sins away.
 For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:41-52 Anita Laffoon

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God
Many: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON “Forever Young” Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Amen’ with ‘Forever Young’” Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 133 “like a child” LIKE A CHILD

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.



Are you visiting with us today? We'd love to get to know you better!
Scan the QR code to tell us more about you.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of February 18, 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.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Side by Side is dedicated to creating supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish. They provide support groups and counseling for youth, housing services for young adults, and support for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth in Richmond.

Study opportunities:

- Bible Study: Book of Acts – Thursdays at 10am
- Sunday Morning – Sundays at 9am
- Ragamuffin Gospel, 2.0 – TBA.

Baptist Women in Ministry

The Baptist Women in Ministry Documentary Tour (in partnership with CBF Virginia, Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry, Baptist Women in Ministry, and Church Benefits Board) is coming to Richmond! If you are interested in attending on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm at the Byrd Theater, please fill out the interest form at churchbenefits.org/bwimdoctour.

This feature documentary film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists. But challenging religious patriarchy, and specifically Baptist patriarchy, is not only a subject of the past. It is as relevant today as it was forty years ago. In this film, audiences today will find heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights, and lighthearted remembrances which will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy efforts so that women find equality and equity among Baptists.

Alkulana Fundraiser

There will be an Auction and Dinner Fundraiser for Camp Alkulana on Mar 16, 5p at Derbyshire Baptist Church. To purchase tickets, go to Alkulana.org. Tickets are \$15 each or a table can be purchased for \$100 for 8 people. Tickets/Table must be purchased online by Mar 5. Let Alison or Katherine know if you want to be a part of a table for 8!

Just for kids!

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

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 February 18th at 4pm at Nancy Williams' home. We will be reading and discussing *Go As A River* by Shelley Read.

BP Update

We are now delivering 36 bags of food weekly to identified food insecure students at 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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Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Christ came down to earth from heaven love incarnate for us all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
Thus he feels for our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

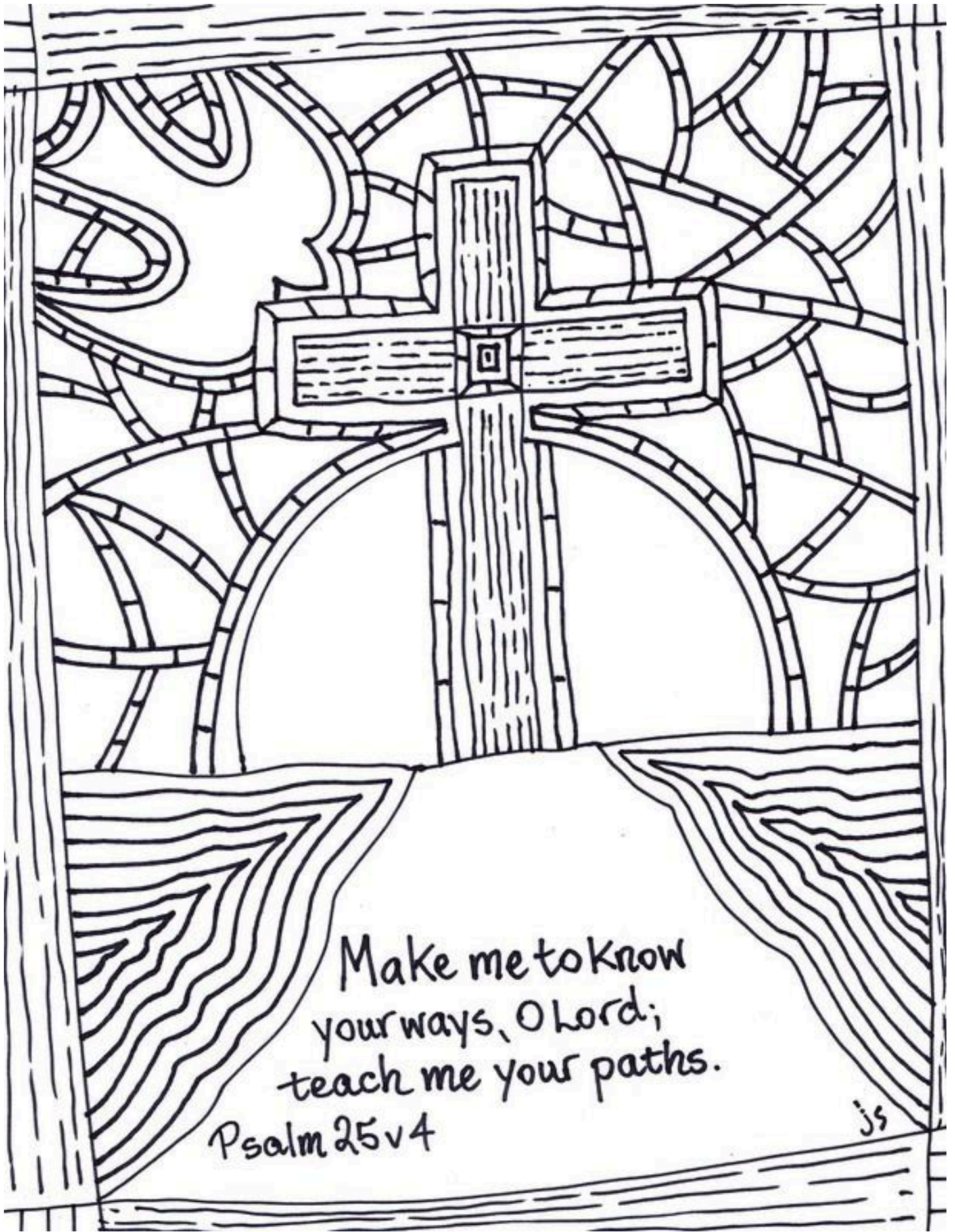
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless, lives and reigns in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

like a child

like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,
like a child and a friend, Jesus comes
like a child we may find claiming heart soul and mind,
like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes

like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet,
like a child on the street, Jesus comes
like a child we once knew coming back into view,
like a child born anew, Jesus comes

like a child born to pray and to show us the way,
like a child here to stay, Jesus comes
like a child we receive all that love can conceive,
like a child we believe Jesus comes



Make me to know
your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Psalm 25v4

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