

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 29, 2025 • 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, your whole self is welcome in this space.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Della Allin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Della Allin

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

One: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—members of God's family,

Many: and brothers and sisters to one another.

One: There are no outsiders here among us,

Many: no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

One: For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

Many: Let's join together in worship!

INVOCATION PRAYER

Della Allin

HYMN No. 537

"My Hope Is Built"

THE SOLID ROCK

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

Nancy Williams

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. 618

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

SCRIPTURE

[Ephesians 2:11–22](#)

Erica Saunders

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Tearing Down Walls, Building Up Hope”

Erica Saunders

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Blest Be the Tie’ with ‘Count on Me’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 557

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CLOSER WALK

CLOSING COMMISSION

One: We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

Many: Now we go back out into the world.

One: We came together to build relationships,

Many: Relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus.

One: We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections

Many: Ready to love and to serve. Ready to carry God's love to the world.

One: As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,

Many: Let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship, is always with us.

One: Go with God, as the people of God.

Many: So be it! Amen

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.

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Erica Saunders! Erica is the communications manager of BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz. One of the first openly trans women ordained in Baptist life, she has served churches in Ohio and North Carolina. In her free time she enjoys baking for friends; snuggling with her cat, Biscuit; and taking leisurely walks through the woods and calling it hiking.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of June 29, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For just institutional policies and programs that foster restorative practices, leading to wholeness and healing.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz (Baptist Peace Fellowship) is the largest Baptist network of peacemakers in the United States inclusive of other denominational faiths, non-confessional groups and individuals. They are a progressive, intercultural organization of peacemakers and are gender-diverse, inclusive, and affirming. They seek to empower the poor, liberate the oppressed, free the captive, and pronounce a new day of grace for all of creation.

Guest Speaker

Our guest preacher next week is Grace Maguire! Grace graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in May 2025 with a dual Master degree - Divinity and Public Theology. Grace grew up in the Bon Air area and graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland in 2019. Grace is passionate about making time to be with God in nature spaces, so you can often find them on one of Richmond's many beautiful trails with their two Boykin Spaniels or a group of friends. Feel free to come by the office to say hello, if you hear music coming from the office then Grace is in!

Summer Playlist

It's here! Our Summer Playlist sermon series has begun! If you want to start listening now, you can find all of the songs that we'll be using this summer (in order) on Spotify -

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/48MMPHifkuqnetXoVfiwrJ?si=1b3c5c664f5b4cdb>

Diversity Richmond

Tomorrow is the last day of Diversity Richmond's supply drive! Items being collected include water bottle cases, deodorant, manual can openers, body wipes, travel-size toiletries, toothbrushes, hair ties, and menstrual products. All donations must be unopened, unexpired, and sealed. You can drop off items for the supply drive here at church or at Diversity Thrift.

Christmas in July

Join us on July 27th at 10:30am for a Christmas in July worship service! Bring your favorite holiday snack to share, and come enjoy a fun time of mid-year Christmas cheer!

Backpack Update

Our Backpack deliveries are winding down for the year. But, we'll still need bags for the fall so please continue to collect paper bags (with handles) this summer!

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)!

Hymn Texts

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My Hope Is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

How Firm a Foundation

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

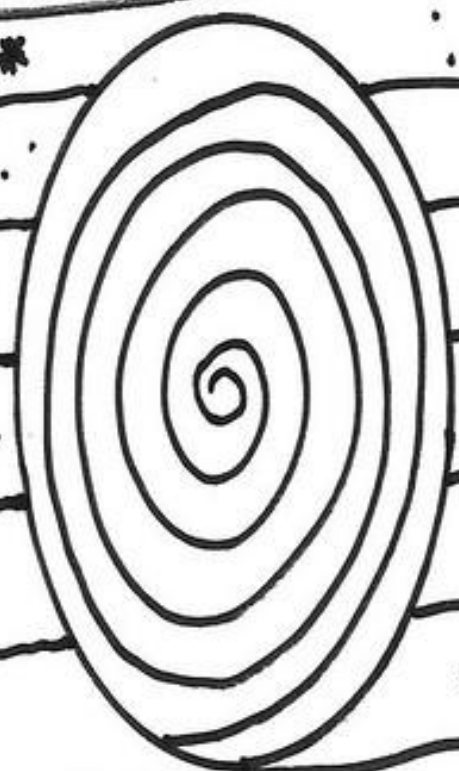
Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



It will be established forever like the moon...

Psalm 89