

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Pentecost Sunday • June 8, 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

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheryl Johnson

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

One: Come and worship!

Many: We will praise the One between, within, and over.

One: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

Many: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love, calling us to do the same.

One: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed,

Many: feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

One: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

Many: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

INVOCATION PRAYER

Sheryl Johnson

HYMN NO. 236

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

ABERYSTWYTH

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

Sheryl Johnson

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. 265

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

MORECAMBE

SCRIPTURE

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Standing Outside the Fire”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Surely the Presence of the Lord’ with ‘Standing Outside the Fire’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 261

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

CLOSING COMMISSION

One: Whirlwind Spirit of God, roar through our timidities and fears,

Many: Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,

One: Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,

Many: Blow down the walls that separate us, one from another.

One: Strengthen our courage to challenge injustice,

Many: Strengthen us to speak only words that build and unite.

One: Let gentle breeze and still small voice become in us today

Many: And then become a mighty wind and a loud proclamation.

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 June 8, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the police, judges, lawyers and court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Global) is a Christian network of individuals and churches working together to spread the hope of Christ. Their understanding of Baptist faith and practice is expressed by their emphasis on freedom in biblical interpretation and congregational governance, the participation of women and men in all aspects of church leadership and Christian ministry, and religious liberty for all people.

Guest Speakers

Our guest preacher on June 29th will be 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.

Our guest preacher on July 6th will be 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

Give back this Pride Month! From June 1st through June 30th, Diversity Richmond is holding a 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.

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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Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Wind who makes all winds that blow—gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves—
aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn—suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls—
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,
speak that tongue which everyland by your grace shall understand.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love,
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise,
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

