

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Final Service at Chamberlayne Heights • September 21, 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

Shawne Soper

*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: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**Many: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed,
feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers.**

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

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

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 464

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

Shawne Soper

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.

SCRIPTURE

[Numbers 1:49-54, 10:13, 17, 21](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“On the Road Again”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Oh Happy Day” traditional, Arranged P. Johnston/M. Biddle

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 632 “LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL”

LITANY FOR THE JOURNEY

In 2019, you walked through these doors for the first time. Over the years, this place has seen many hopes and dreams come to fruition. But it has also seen sadness, uncertainty, and anxiety. It has held laughter and tears, sorrow and joy. Above all, it has held love – lots of love from so many people. Because God is good, this ending is also the start of a new beginning. Today we honor and recognize the moments of beauty and moments of grief this place has borne witness to, and we say goodbye to this place in anticipation of the incredible things God will do in our next chapter.

One: God said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”

All: May we go with the God who calls us to new adventures!

One: When Rachel departed from her home and family to make her home with Jacob, she took with her the teraphim, the household gods of her childhood.

All: May we carry with us what has been good, holy, and true from our time in this place.

One: God led the Hebrew people out of Egypt and toward the promised land.

All: May we go with the God of liberation!

One: In later years, the Israelites were taken from their homes into exile.

All: May we go with the God who consoles the displaced.

One: When Jesus came, he sent the disciples out to preach the Good News to all creation.

All: May we be inspired and imbued with purpose and joy.

One: Jesus told the disciples, “If anyone will not welcome you, shake off the dust from your feet.

All: May we leave behind us all bitterness and disillusionment.

One: Paul wrote to the Philippians, “I thank my God every time I remember you.”

All: May we thank God every time we remember this place.

One: Go forth to be God’s church wherever the Holy Spirit may direct us.

All: In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, 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.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of September 28, we pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students. For cooperation between Superintendents, School Boards, and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Alliance of Baptists seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world and our solidarity with all creation. They welcome and affirm all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities and hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status. Their core values are to create a theological Home, pursuit of God's Justice, and partnership in Mission.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Don Polaski is leading us in our study of the book of Acts and will spend the first week or so reviewing and reminding us where we are in the story of the apostles and the early church. We begin each week sharing our cares and joys and checking in with each other. After prayer, the study and discussion begin. Join us at 10 a.m. on Thursdays at the new location: 10981 Richardson Road, Ashland. Please reach out to Nancy Williams or Don Polaski for more information.

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for our church picnic and Blessing of the Animals NEXT SUNDAY at 11am! We will be in the picnic shelter at Dunncroft Park (4901 Francistown Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060). Bring a dish to share, and your (leashed) animal friends!

Page Turners' Book Club

The Page Turners book club has a new reading assignment! The book to read is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. The book will be discussed in November. A definite day TBA.

The Blue Circle

Our Blue Circle conversations will continue on November 15th! Mark your calendars now!

Backpack Update

Our 14th year of supplying 36 Weekend Backpacks of food for food insecure students at FMES begins soon! Dixie and Connie will continue as co-facilitators of the program. We will begin this year working from a new location a short distance from the King's Charter entrance off Sliding Hill Road. Dixie and Connie will be assembling a list of coordinators for October through May (November has already been taken!) Contact one of

them to volunteer!

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!

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High...



...will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91 v1