

Welcome to Worship

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.

*Who is this King of Glory that pursues me with his love,
And haunts me with each hearing of his softly spoken words?
My conscience, a reminder of forgiveness that I need.
Who is this King of Glory who offers it to me?
- Third Day, "King of Glory"*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Polaski

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

One: Create a throne room for yourself here, O Christ,

Many: but let it be the empty seat beside the anxious.

One: May your reign be good news to those who seek out truth,

Many: and may we join them in the search.

One: May we find you laughing at the powerful,

Many: while welcoming those who have nothing into your throne room.

One: O Jesus, reigning in the world, may we find the faith to stand with you

Many: Sovereign of life, and servant of all

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 464

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

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

Sandra Polaski

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. 587

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

NEAR THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“King of Glory”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Jesus, Remember Me’ with ‘King of Glory’”

Arr. Horn

LOBE DEN HERREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 207

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

RATHBUN

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.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of November 23, we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the inclusion of all (regardless of race, age, or residency) in the economic health of Metropolitan Richmond.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The mission of Midwives for Haiti is to increase access to skilled maternity care in Haiti by training skilled birth attendants, and providing compassionate, culturally congruent maternity care. They work in collaboration with Haiti's Ministry of Public Health and Population and other organizations to deliver culturally appropriate, high impact health interventions. They train skilled birth attendants from rural areas and get them to women who need them. Their programs educate and empower Haitian women and men to improve the health of their communities, creating lasting change in their lives and the lives of the mothers and children they care for.

Advent Calendar

- Nov 30th – Hope
- Dec 7th – Peace
- Dec 14th – Joy – Brunch!
- Dec 21st – Love
- Dec 24th – 5pm Christmas Eve service

Day for All People

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy's annual Advocacy Day in partnership with Virginia Interfaith Power and Light is coming up! They bring hundreds of people of faith and goodwill from across Virginia to Richmond to engage in the legislative process. Join them in- person for inspirational presentations, informative workshops, and effective advocacy on **January 21, 2026**. Register on their website - www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org

Thursday Morning Bible Study

We continue the study of the Book of Acts, which is full of fascinating stories of the early church and flawed people we now revere as saints. Join in! 10am - 11:30am on Thursday mornings at 10981 Richardson Road, Ashland. Don Polaski is the teacher, contact him if you have questions.

Page Turners' Book Club

Meeting Postponed! The book club is reading "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans, and they will gather for discussion on January 18 at 4pm at the home of Dixie Leathers.

Backpack Update

Our backpacks are being prepared at 10981 Richardson Rd, Ashland 23005. Dixie and Connie will continue as co-facilitators of the program. Contact one of them to volunteer. Don't forget to bring in your paper bags!

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!

Hymn Texts

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God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledges to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

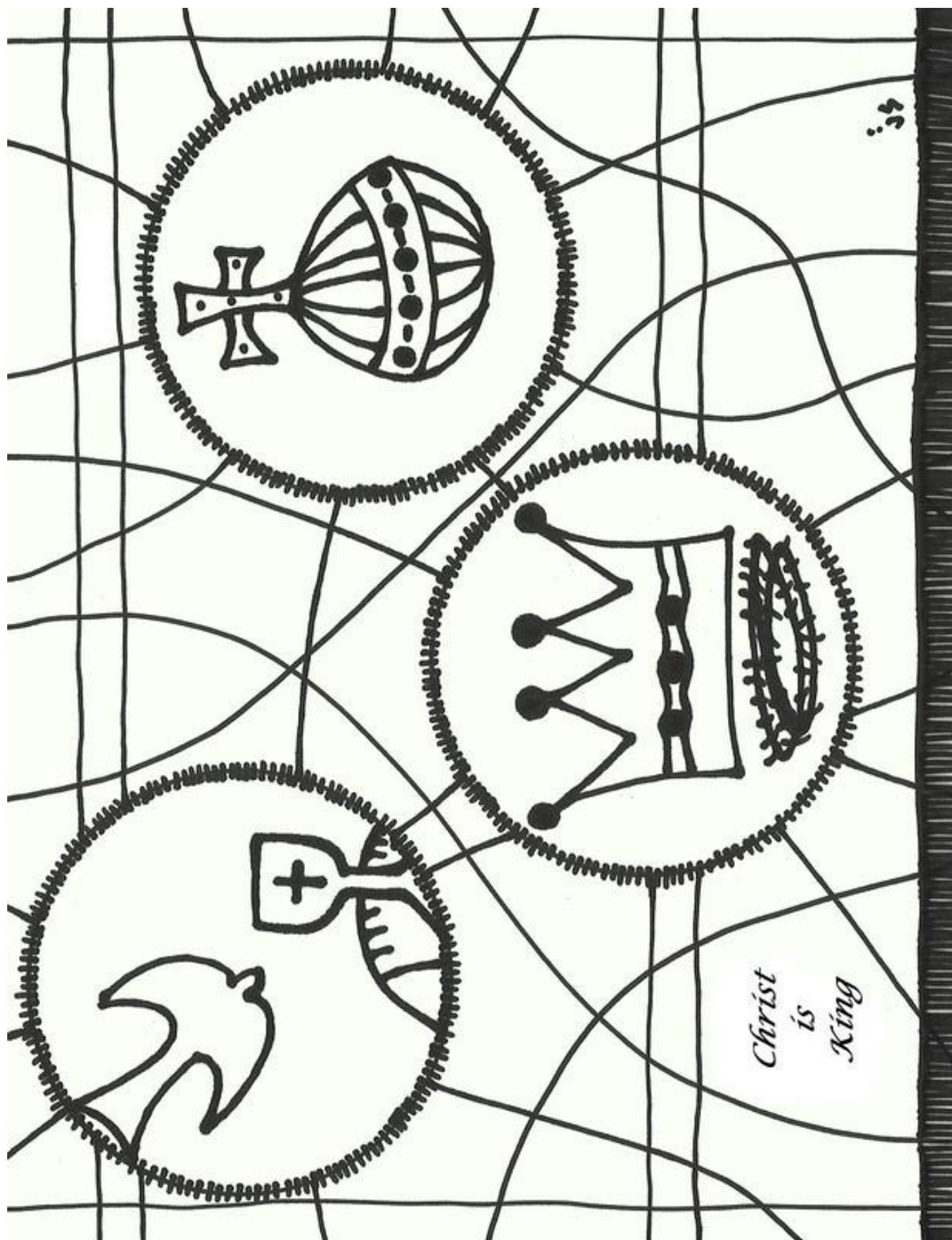
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there, that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.



Christ
is
King