

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany • January 25, 2026 • 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

Connie Bak

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

Leader: Jesus walks along the shoreline of our lives, calling ordinary people into extraordinary purpose.

People: We hear the invitation: Follow me.

Leader: Jesus does not promise ease or certainty, but presence, direction, and a shared journey.

People: Where Christ leads, we will go.

Leader: Leaving nets, routines, and familiar paths, the disciples trusted the One who called them.

People: We, too, choose trust over fear.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us by name and walks with us every step of the way.

People: Where you lead, we will follow.

All: Let us worship God.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 337

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

GALILEE

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

Connie Bak

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. 16

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:12-23

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Where You Lead, I Will Follow”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Softly and Tenderly’ with ‘Where You Lead’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**HYMN NO. 612**

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

ANGELS STORY

CLOSING COMMISION

Leader: Christ calls us from the shores of comfort into lives shaped by love and courage.

People: We go trusting the One who walks beside us.

Leader: When the path is unclear and the cost feels heavy,

People: We will follow in faith, not fear.

Leader: Go now to love, to serve, and to witness—not alone, but accompanied by grace.

People: Where Christ leads, we will go.

All: Thanks be to God. 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 January 25, we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life. To proclaim in word and deed the establishment of a beloved community in Metropolitan Richmond.

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

The Thursday morning Bible study meets at 10 am at the Ashland location, 10981 Richardson Road. Contact Don Poalski for more information. All are welcome!

Business Meeting

Our first business meeting of the year will be TODAY right after worship. Please plan to attend either in-person or via Zoom.

Save the Date!

Our annual Chili Cook-off and Bingo night will be January 31st at 6pm! Sign up on Realm to bring chili, sides, or dessert (chili add-ons like cheese and sour cream will be provided). And don't forget to bring a white elephant gift for the Bingo prize table!

Ash Wednesday Service

We will have a combined Ash Wednesday service with Anointed New Life, First Mennonite, and Bethlehem Baptist churches. It will be at First Mennonite (601 E Parham Rd, Richmond, VA 23227) on February 18th at 7pm. Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent and prepare for Easter.

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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Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me";

Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home, and toil, and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

