

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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First Sunday in Lent • February 22, 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.

*Some people live for the fortune
Some people live just for the fame
Some people live for the power,
Some people live just to play the game*

*Some people think
That the physical things
Define what's within
And I've been there before
That life's a bore
So full of the superficial*

*Some people want it all
But I don't want nothing at all
If it ain't you,
If I ain't got you...
(Alicia Keys, "If I Ain't Got You")*

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**.*

Leader: In the wilderness, Jesus faced temptation.
People: **And he chose God above all else.**
Leader: The world offers bread, power, and glory.
People: **But we hunger for what truly satisfies.**
Leader: Some chase wealth. Some chase fame.
People: **But if we do not have You, O God, we have nothing.**
Leader: Christ reminds us: "Worship the Lord your God."
People: **And serve God only.**
Leader: On this first Sunday of Lent,
People: **We choose what matters most.**
Leader: In this final Sunday of Black History Month,
People: **We remember those who chose faith over fear.**
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who is enough.
All: **For if we have You, Lord, we have everything.**

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 65

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

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.**

LENTEN CHORUS

“Give Me Jesus”

GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

CONFSSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN No. 628

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“If I Ain’t Got You”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE ““There Is a Balm in Gilead’ with ‘If I Ain’t Got You’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 537

“My Hope Is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

CLOSING COMMISION

Leader: Go now into the wilderness places of your week.

People: We go trusting that God is enough.

Leader: When the world tempts you with quick power or empty promises,

People: We will remember what truly matters.

Leader: When you feel hungry for approval or success,

People: We will seek the bread of heaven.

Leader: If you have God,

People: You have what you need.

Leader: Go in strength. Go in courage. Go in Christ.

People: For if we ain’t got You, Lord, we’ve got nothing.

All: But if we’ve got You, we’ve got everything. 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 February 22, we pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For the enhancement of our common life through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Sophia Theological Seminary grew from a recognition that, in a changing environment, theological education requires a wise and creative re-imagining. Supported by the work of Sophia Farms, the seminary seeks to be an inclusive community where life together will be marked by daily rhythms of study, worship, fellowship, and work.

Called Business Meeting

We will have a called business meeting TODAY immediately after worship to review budget updates. Please plan to attend in person or via Zoom.

Chili Cook-off - new date!

Our annual Chili Cook-off and Bingo night will be February 28th 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!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

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

Page Turners Book Club

The next book assignment is *The Husbands* by Holly Gramazio. We will discuss this book in March, date TBA.

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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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our present help amid the flood of helper He, amid the flood mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
with craft and power great, and, armed with cruel hate on earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
but there is one who takes our side, the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
With mighty pow'r to save, victorious o'er the grave, Christ will prevail triumphant!

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of darkness grim, we tremble not for them;
Their rage we can endure, for for lo, their doom is sure; one little word shall fell them.

God's word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, God's reign endures forever.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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.

If you are the Son of God...

...Command these stones...

...to become
bread.