

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 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.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Johnson

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

Leader: Come out from the shadows—from the places that feel silent, stuck, or forgotten.

People: We come, longing to be awakened.

Leader: Jesus stood before the tomb and called life out of death.

People: Call us forward, O Christ—bring us to life!

Leader: Even when we feel bound by fear or doubt—

People: Unbind us and set us free!

Leader: Like Frieda, who stands tall and knows her worth—

People: We come boldly, ready to be seen, known, and renewed.

All: Awaken our hearts, O God—and bring us to life again.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 86

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

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

Eric 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.

LENTEN CHORUS

“Give Me Jesus”

GIVE ME JESUS

Oh, when I’m bound in death, oh, when I’m bound in death,
oh, when I’m bound in death, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

CONFESSION

Leader: Sometimes, O God, we live as though we are still in the tomb.

People: We hide. We doubt. We stay bound in what holds us back.

Leader: We hear your voice calling—but we hesitate.

People: We are afraid to step into new life.

Leader: We cling to what is comfortable, even when it keeps us from growing.

People: We confess our resistance to your call.

Leader: Like Lazarus, we are wrapped in what binds us—

People: Fear, pride, regret, and weariness.

Leader: Yet you stand before us and call our name.

People: Wake us up inside, O Christ.

All: Unbind us. Restore us. Bring us to life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

People: In Christ, death does not have the final word.

Leader: The stone is rolled away. The voice calls your name.

People: We are no longer bound—we are set free!

Leader: Hear the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are unbound, and we are brought to life again!

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN No. 75

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WATERLIFE

SCRIPTURE

[John 11:1-6, 17-45](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Bring Me to Life”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “As the Deer’ with ‘Bring Me to Life”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 618

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

CLOSING COMMISION

Leader: Go now—not as those who remain in the tomb—

People: But as those who have been called into life.

Leader: When your spirit feels weary or asleep—

People: We will listen for Christ’s voice calling us forward.

Leader: When fear tries to bind you—

People: We will remember: we have been set free.

Leader: Stand tall. Be bold. Be fully alive.

People: We go to live with courage and joy.

Leader: And may the One who calls you by name—

All: Awaken your soul, strengthen your heart, and bring you to life. 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 March 22, we pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For seminaries, bible colleges, and schools training persons for vocations in ministry; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Founded in 1936, The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty brings a uniquely Baptist perspective of “soul freedom” to protecting religious liberty for all faiths and defending the separation of church and state. BJC is the only faith-based group working on the national level with this singular focus. They file briefs in pivotal Supreme Court cases, advocate for and against legislation, testify in Congress and unite with others across faiths to ensure that all Americans have, and will always have, the right to follow their spiritual beliefs.

Page Turners Book Club

The next book assignment is *The Husbands* by Holly Gramazio. The book will be discussed Sunday March 22, 2026 at 4pm at Nadene Eads' home.

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday Service - March 29th, 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday – April 2nd, 6:45pm, Lake Chapel in the Early Center (this is a joint service with Anointed New Life Baptist and First Mennonite Churches)
- Good Friday – April 3rd, 4-8pm, 2301 Hilliard Rd (self-guided, drop-in prayer stations)
- Easter Brunch – April 5th, 9:15am (Bring a dish to share!)
- Easter Service – April 5th, 10:30am

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!

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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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

"I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

How Firm a Foundation

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!

What more can be said than to you God has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.

The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"



Jesus wept. - John 11v35