

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Third Sunday in Lent • March 8, 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

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

Leader: It is noon. The sun is high. The well is quiet.

People: And we are thirsty.

Leader: Sometimes we come to worship like the Samaritan woman—hoping no one notices us.

People: But Jesus notices anyway.

Leader: He asks for water.

People: And gives living water instead.

Leader: Marcie might gently whisper, “Sir... something important is happening.”

People: And we begin to see that grace meets us here.

Leader: God meets us at ordinary wells.

People: And turns ordinary people into blazing witnesses.

All: Let us worship the One who sets hearts on holy fire.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 480

“I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

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

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

Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful Lord, Sometimes we approach you carefully—politely—almost like Marcie saying, “Sir...” We confess we are unsure whether we will be welcomed or corrected or exposed. We carry old labels. Old stories. Old mistakes. We confess that we have sometimes judged who belongs at the well. We have assumed we know who is worthy of living water.

People: Forgive us, Sir—for doubting your kindness. Forgive us for letting fear dim the spark you have already placed within us.

Leader: Meet us again at the well. Speak truth gently. Ignite courage quietly.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news. The woman said, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.” What began with uncertainty ended in transformation. Jesus did not shame her. He revealed her. He trusted her. And through her witness, many believed.

The same Christ meets us today. Not with accusation—but with living water. Not with condemnation—but with holy fire.

People: In Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are renewed. In Christ, our quiet faith can change a whole town.

All: Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN No. 546

“Amazing Grace”

NEW BRITAIN

SCRIPTURE

[John 4:5-30, 39-42](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Girl on Fire”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“‘Fill My Cup’ with ‘Girl on Fire’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 442

“We Are Walking”

SIYAHAMBA

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: Go now from this well. Go not hiding in the noon heat, but walking with steady courage. Go like the woman who ran back into town with joy she could not contain. Go like Marcie—thoughtful, observant, and braver than she realizes—ready to say, “Sir,” when she recognizes holy truth.

People: **Be a flame that warms, not wounds. Be a light that guides, not blinds. Be living water in dry places.**

Leader: And may Christ—who meets us with patience, who answers even our hesitant “Sir,” who turns questions into calling—fill you with living water and set your heart gently on fire.
Amen?

People: **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 8, we pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all who seek God on behalf of others; for pastors, ministers, missionaries, lay leaders, congregants, intercessors, and other servants of Christ.

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.

Diaper Drive - ENDS TODAY!

Our Christmas diapers and wipes drive has gotten a little bit postponed this year, but we all know that babies keep needing diapers and wipes long after the excitement of birth is over! Please bring diapers and wipes (larger sizes of diapers are especially welcome) from now until Sunday, March 8. (That's also when Daylight Savings Time begins, so spring forward and bring diapers!) Our donations will go to help families working toward permanent shelter. Thank you for your generosity!

Business Meeting

We will have a brief business meeting on March 15th (next Sunday) after church to vote on approval for the cost of flooring for our new building. Please plan to attend in person or on Zoom.

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. Location TBA.

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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I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Amazing Grace!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

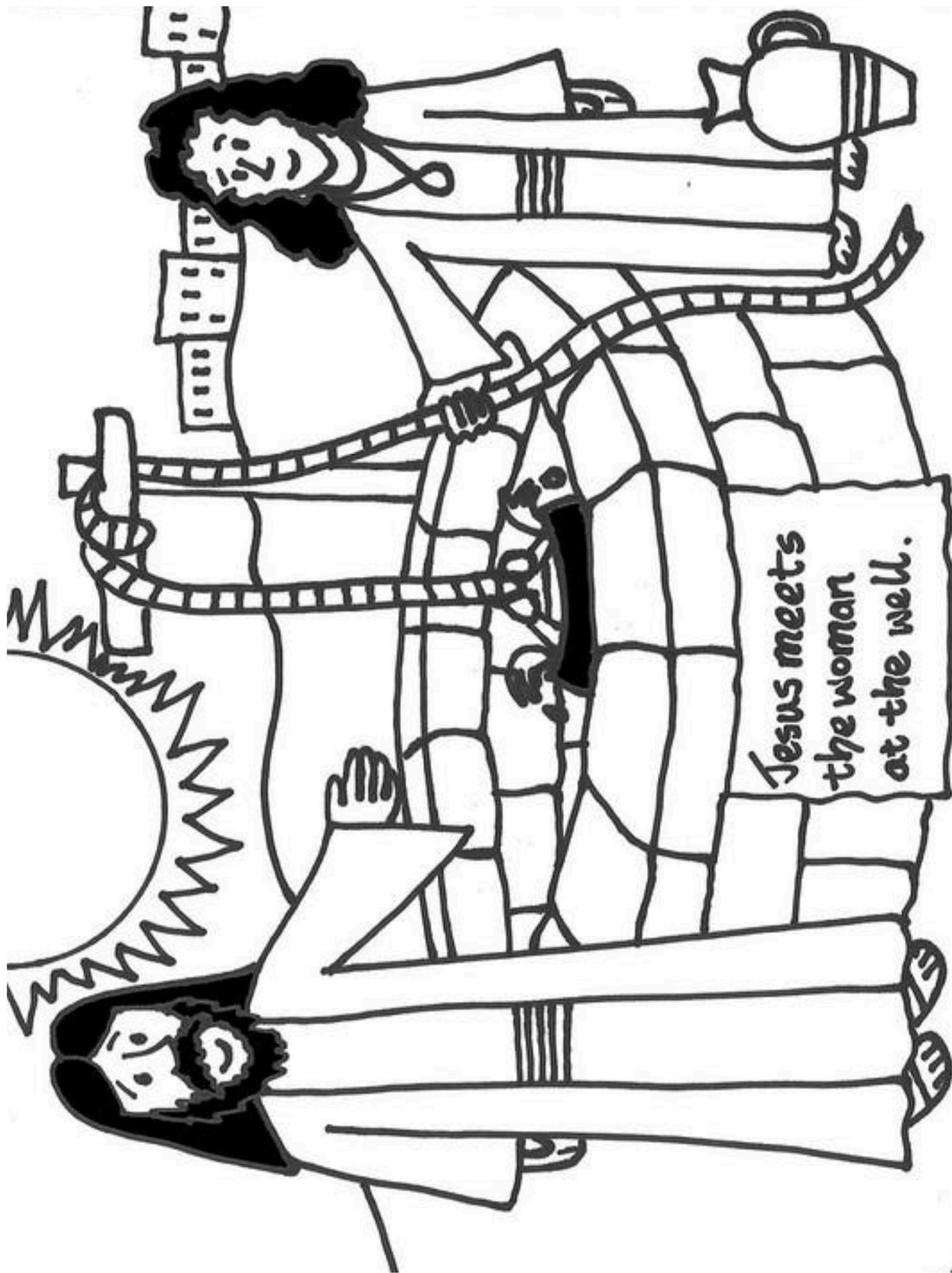
We Are Walking

We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God.
We are walking, walking, we are walking, walking, we are walking in the light of God
We are walking, walking, we are walking, walking, we are walking in the light of God

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God
We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God

We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God

We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying, we are praying in the light of God
We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying, we are praying in the light of God



Jesus meets
the woman
at the well.