

# Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Second Sunday of Easter • April 12, 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

Josh Walters

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

Leader: Immortal, invisible, God only wise—hidden from our sight, yet ever near—

**People: We come to worship the One who is with us.**

Leader: Eternal in glory, beyond our understanding, yet present in every moment—

**People: We gather in awe of Your holy presence.**

Leader: When we seek signs, You remind us—You are already here.

**People: Emmanuel—God with us.**

Leader: When the world calls for our allegiance, You call us to what is eternal—

**People: We give to God what is God's.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One beyond all knowing, who is nearer than our breath—

**People: Immortal, invisible—God with us.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 66

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

\*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

Josh Walters

\*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. 67**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

**SCRIPTURE**

[Isa 7:10-17 and Mark 12:13-17](#)

Melissa Jackson

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

**Many: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

“With Us is God”

Melissa Jackson

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee’ with ‘Day by Day’”

Arr. Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

Josh Walters

**HYMN No. 464**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

**CLOSING COMMISION**

Josh Walters

Leader: You have worshiped the God who is with you—

**People: Immortal, invisible, yet ever near.**

Leader: You have been reminded of God’s faithfulness through all generations—

**People: Our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.**

Leader: Now go into the world with courage and grace,

**People: To live as people who belong to God.**

Leader: Give to the world what is needed—justice, mercy, and love—

**People: And give to God what is God’s—our whole lives.**

Leader: And may the God who is with you go before you, beside you, and within you—

**People: Now and always. 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.

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Our guest preacher today is Melissa Jackson! Melissa is on faculty at Sophia Theological Seminary and Sophia Farms, located in Dinwiddie, Virginia. Ginter Park has been a faithful partner to Sophia since its beginning, for which Sophia remains exceedingly grateful. Jackson is ordained in the baptist tradition and earned a doctoral degree in Hebrew Bible from the University of Oxford. During her time in England, she gained a doctorate and a spouse. Jackson, her spouse Brian, and their dog Radley rattle around an old house in the tiny hamlet of Church Road, VA.

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## **Announcements**

### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of April 12, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name.

### **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.

### **Guest Preacher**

Our guest preacher on April 19th will be Tripp Hudgins! Rev Tripp Hudgins is a Chicago and Berkeley educated native of Richmond, VA. He holds ordination in the American Baptist Churches, USA from North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago. He presently serves as the Pastoral Director of Richmond Hill. He is a husband, father, and musician. Banjos are holy.

### **BJC Study**

Particularly during a time when Christian nationalism is seen in many forms, it can be difficult to know how to show up as a Christian. The BJC believes that, in contrast to Christian nationalism, cultivating religious liberty offers a foundation to cultivate a just society that ensures dignity, pluralism, and democracy. This curriculum explores these principles and invites Christians to consider the intersections of faith, power, and politics in U.S. society. Through reflection, storytelling, case studies, and collective learning across six sessions, participants offer the gifts of their faith in solidarity and mutuality for a just society.

“Faith, Power, and Politics: Cultivating religious liberty as a Christian” will be a weeknight study, beginning the week of May 3rd. Let Anita know if you are interested in participating!

### **Page Turners Book Club**

The Page Turners Book Club has a new reading assignment: *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter. This book will be discussed on Sunday May 17, 2026 at 4pm at 2301 Hilliard Rd.

### **Let's Celebrate!**

We have much to celebrate this year. A new church home, 110 years as a church family, anniversaries, birthdays, and more. Paul and Keene have invited everyone to a day at the river to play, relax, enjoy sunshine and fellowship is a perfect way to party.

When- Saturday, June 6, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Where - 540 Plantation Place, Little Plymouth, VA 23091.

RSVP to Keene or Paul, and see Realm for more details!

## **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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### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praises we render: O help us to see that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

### **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

## **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

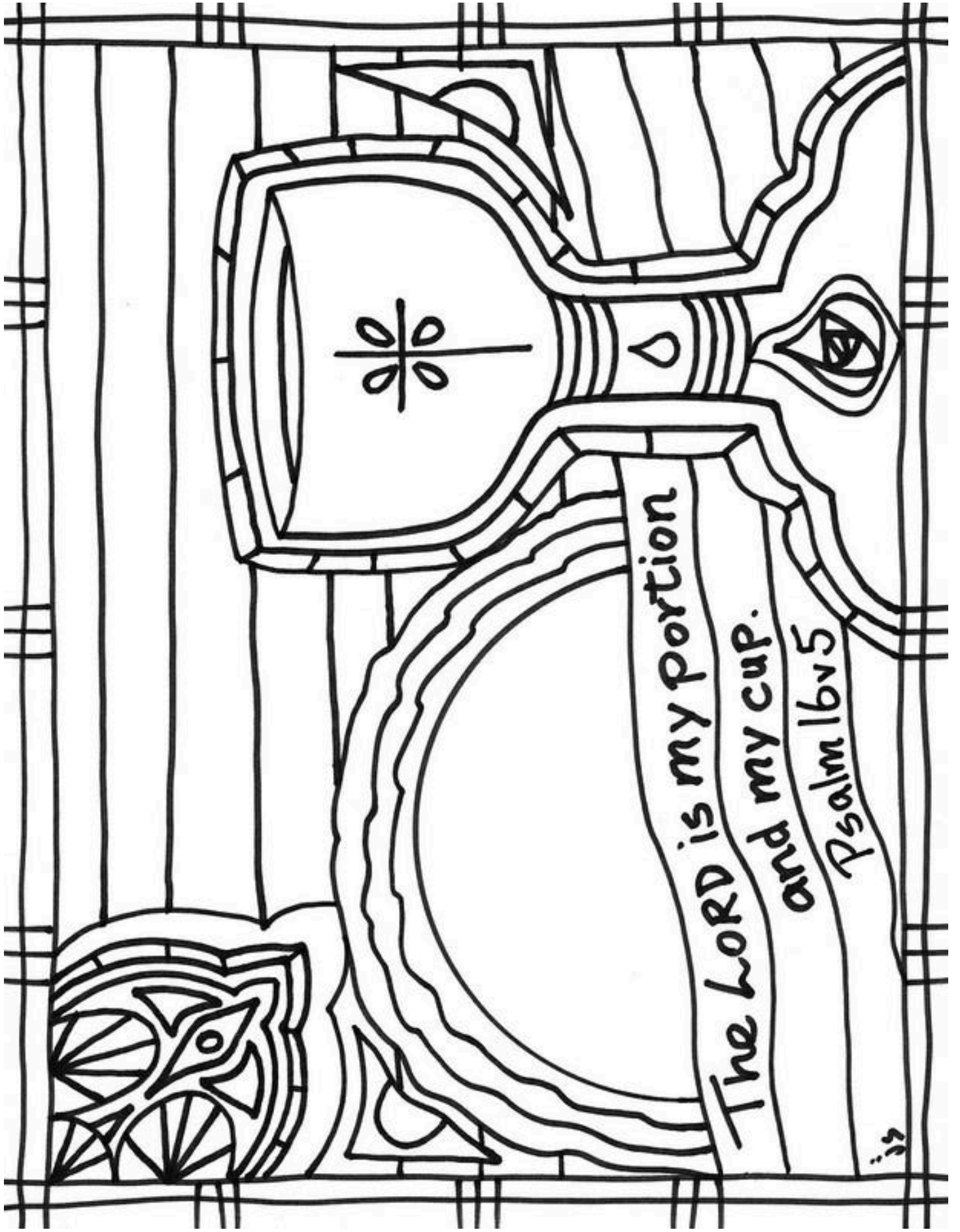
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Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

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.



The LORD is my portion  
and my cup.  
Psalm 16v5