

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 26, 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

Lisa Horn

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

Leader: Come home to the presence of God.

People: We come, listening for the voice of the Shepherd.

Leader: Come home to the One who knows us by name.

People: We come, trusting the One who leads us in love.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the gate."

People: Through Christ, we enter into grace, safety, and abundant life.

Leader: When we are weary, Christ leads us.

People: When we are uncertain, Christ guides us.

Leader: When we are wandering, Christ calls us home.

People: We belong to the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Today we give thanks for this sacred space, for the prayers that have risen here, for the songs that have filled this room, for the love that has gathered us here again and again.

People: We thank God for this place and for every blessing shared within it.

Leader: And as we stand on the threshold of something new,

People: we trust the Shepherd who has led us this far.

Leader: The One who has supplied our need will not leave us now.

People: The One who has led us before will lead us still.

Leader: So come home to worship. Come home to grace. Come home to Christ.

People: We come to worship God with glad and grateful hearts.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 558

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

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

Lisa Horn

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. 66

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

RESIGNATION

SCRIPTURE

[John 10:1-10](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Home”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“‘Blessed Assurance’ with ‘Home’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 545

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

HE LEADETH ME

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: Go now in peace, for the Good Shepherd leads us.

People: We will follow, trusting the voice of Christ.

Leader: When the way is clear, and when the way is uncertain,

People: our Shepherd guides us and supplies our need.

Leader: We give thanks for this worship space—for every prayer prayed here, for every hymn sung here, for every tear shed here, and for every joy celebrated here.

People: We thank God for this sacred place and for all the memories held within it.

Leader: Today we release this space with gratitude and love.

People: We bless this place, and we give thanks for God's faithfulness here.

Leader: As we prepare to worship in a new location, we remember that our true home is always in God.

People: Christ goes before us, and in him we are always home.

Leader: May God bless the space we leave behind.

People: May God bless the new place to which we are being led.

Leader: May that new place be filled with welcome and wonder,

People: with prayer and praise, with mission and mercy.

Leader: May the One who has led us beside still waters continue to lead us on the road ahead.

People: He leadeth us, and we will trust in him.

Leader: Go now with grateful hearts, with steady faith, and with hope for the journey ahead.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, and we shall not want.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: 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 April 26, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

RPS Foundation - The mission of Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation is to partner with Richmond Public Schools to actively develop philanthropic resources and community relationships that support the goal to improve student learning and achievement in preparation for success in college, career, and community.

NEXT SUNDAY!!

Our first worship service in our new home is next Sunday, May 3rd! Join us at 2301 Hilliard Rd (suite 8) to celebrate and worship with us!

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!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible study will meet at 10 am at 2301 Hilliard Rd this week, but will not meet on May 7th. Contact Don Polaski for more information. All are welcome!

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!

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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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.

You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

