

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Easter Sunday • April 5, 2026 • 10:30 AM

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.

*Hey, you
In the corner shaking in those boots
You got one, one for two
You got the shaking right, but the fear won't do
We always say that we have unspeakable joy
So let our feet do all the talking when our words fall
short*

*We've got reason to get up
Reason to get down
He done traded our shame for joy
And now, that joy wants out
Happy dance
Happy dance
(MercyMe, "Happy Dance")*

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 AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Raymond Cady

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

EASTER CHORUS

"Give Me Jesus"

GIVE ME JESUS

The Christ Candle is re-lit during the hymn.

Oh, the stone is rolled away, oh, the stone is rolled away,
oh, the stone is rolled away, give me Jesus.

Oh, my feet will dance with joy, oh, my feet will dance with joy,
oh, my feet will dance with joy, give me Jesus.

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

Leader: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dawn, the women came to the tomb...

People: ... and the stone was rolled away!

Leader: The angel said, "Do not be afraid."

People: He is not here—He is risen!

Leader: Even Snoopy can't sit still today ...

People: ... our feet are ready to dance with joy!

Please stand if you are able for the remainder of the Call to Worship

***HYMN No. 216**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Stanza 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Leader: The women ran from the tomb with fear and great joy ...

People: ... and their feet carried the good news!

Leader: Like dancing feet on a spring morning—

People: —we move with resurrection joy!

***HYMN No. 216**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Stanza 2

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!”

People: And they took hold of Him and worshiped Him!

Leader: Today, we greet the risen Christ—

People: —with happy hearts and dancing feet!

***HYMN No. 216**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Stanzas 3 and 4

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

INVOCATION PRAYER

Raymond Cady

***EASTER MESSAGE IN MUSIC**

“Springtime”
Josh Walters, Tenor

Renzema

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Raymond Cady

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. 234

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Happy Dance”

Anita Laffoon

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in Communion here, and you are also welcome to remain at your seat if that is more comfortable for you. Communion is received by intinction, where you are handed a piece of bread to dip in the chalice. We use non-alcoholic juice in the chalice, so that this is a safe table for all. Gluten-free bread and individual cups are also available.

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee’ with ‘Happy Dance’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 233

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

CLOSING COMMISION

Leader: Go now like the women at the tomb—with fear transformed into joy. Go with the rhythm of resurrection moving through your feet. Dance like Snoopy in the sunlight, because death has been defeated. Run to tell the good news:

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: And when the road feels long, remember—the risen Christ meets you along the way and says, “Greetings!” So go...

People: With happy dancing feet, we go singing—

***HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

At the tomb that Easter day, Alleluia! Stone was rolled and fear gave way, Alleluia!

“He is risen!” angels cry, Alleluia! Dancing feet, our hearts reply! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He Is Risen, indeed!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the risen Christ is with you.

Many: And also with 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 5, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of hope, of possibility, of eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings new life out of death to people and communities.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Side by Side is dedicated to creating supportive communities where Virginia's LGBTQ+ youth can define themselves, belong, and flourish. They provide support groups and counseling for youth, housing services for young adults, and support for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth in Richmond.

Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher on April 12th will be 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.

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. Location TBA.

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 2301 Hilliard Rd, Richmond 23228. 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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Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall no end, and round his pieced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.
Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above.
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

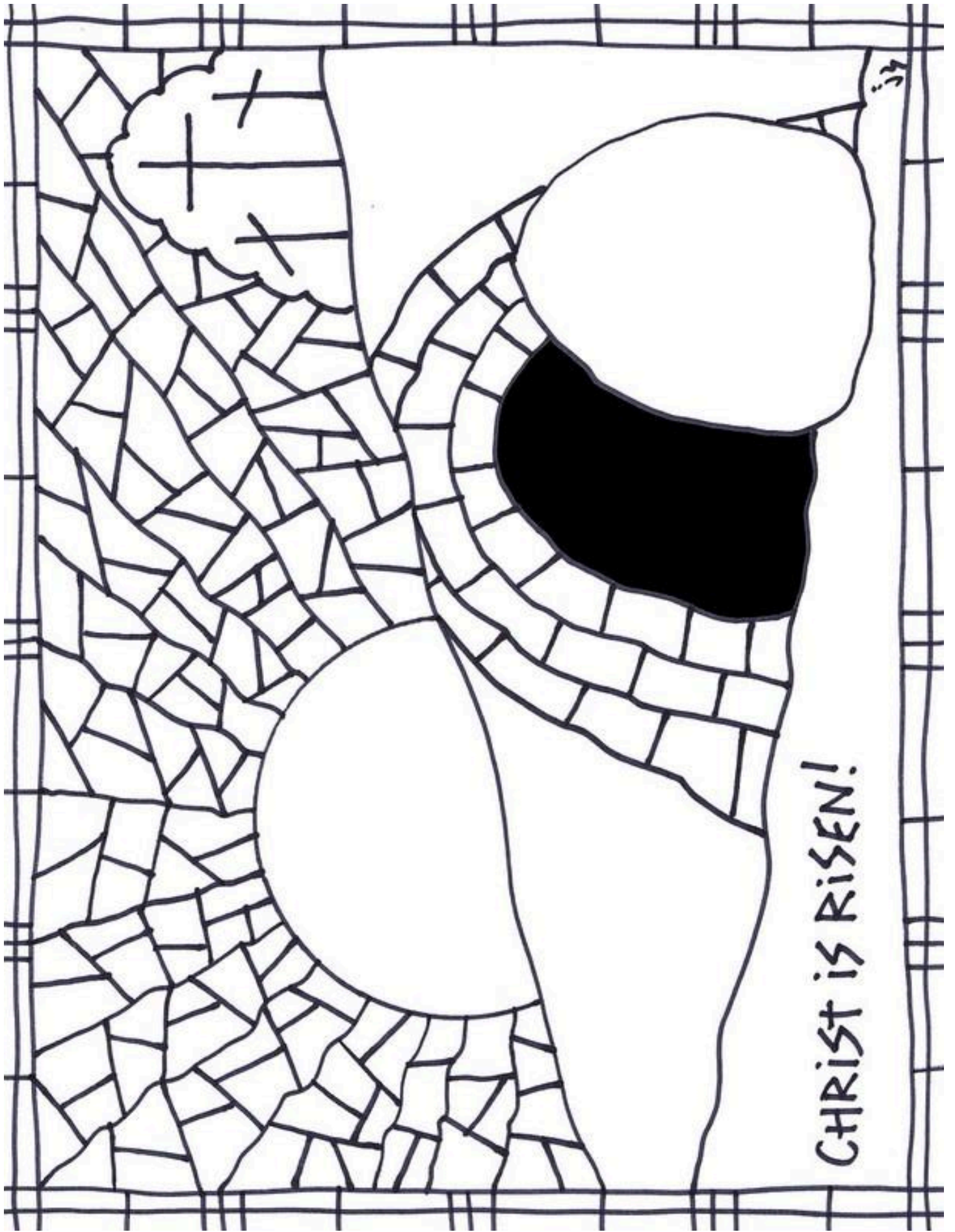
Alleluia! Christ is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay.

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.



CHRIST IS RISEN!

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