

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 14, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brandon Kelly

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

Leader: God comes to us in unexpected places and unexpected people.

People: We open our hearts to welcome God's presence.

Leader: Abraham and Sarah welcomed strangers and received a promise.

People: We gather ready to receive God's promises anew.

Leader: When doubt whispers louder than hope, God remains faithful.

People: God's grace is greater than our fear.

Leader: Let us come with humility, gratitude, and pride in being God's beloved people.

People: We worship the One who sees us, blesses us, and fills our lives with joy.

Leader: Let us worship God!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 16

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

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

Brandon Kelly

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. 86

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

SCRIPTURE

[Genesis 18:1-15, \(21:1-7\)](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Has Anyone Ever Written Anything for You?”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15: The Raindrop”

Chopin

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 543

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: God who fulfilled a promise to Sarah sends us forth with hope.

People: We go, trusting that God’s promises are still unfolding.

Leader: May your words bring encouragement to the weary.

People: May our lives become blessings to those we meet.

Leader: Take pride not in yourself alone, but in the grace of God working through you.

People: We will live with humility, gratitude, and courage.

Leader: Go now in peace, carrying God’s promises into the world.

People: We go in joy, laughter, and love. 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 June 14, we pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the police, judges, lawyers and court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers.

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. Join them on June 28, July 26, and Aug 2 for an informal time of theology and fellowship. An Undogmatic Way: a space to question and rebuild, will be at O'Toole's Restaurant (4800 Forest Hill Ave) at 6pm!

Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher on June 21st is our own Sandra Polaski! Thanks Sandra - we look forward to hearing from you!

T-shirts!

Noah Cady is working on a second round of t-shirt orders! To get a general sense of how many shirts we could expect to order and the sizes, he has created a form that will close on June 14th at 11:59 PM. It is also important for people who do not want to order shirts to also respond, so he can appropriately judge how strong our interest is in continuing to make orders in the future. Look for the post on Realm to find the link to the order form!

Generator for Cuba

Our church is hopeful of sending a solar/battery powered generator to Iglesia Bautista Bethania, a small church in Chambas, Cuba that, often, only has power 2-3 hours a day. The generator cost is about \$1,300, and donations can be accepted anytime until July 1. Contributions can be made to Ginter Park Baptist Church and designated to "Cuban Mission Projects."

Book Club News

The Page Turners Book Club is on break for the summer. Our first meeting of the 2026-2027 season will be 4pm, Sunday Sept. 20, 2026 at 2301 Hillard Road. The first meeting will be a discussion of what everyone has read over the summer. We will be trying something NEW to choose our future book selections. We are asking all those attending in September to bring 1, 2 or 3 titles to promote as a future pick (you do not need to have already read the book ahead of time). A fun game is being planned to help us choose 4 books for future discussion. If you are not on our contact list and would like to be, please give your email info to Kelly Schmitt (in person, by text or email, she's in the directory). All are welcome!

VA Pridefest

Save the date - Pridefest is Sept 12th! We are working on a plan with our friends at Seventh Street Christian Church and Grace Baptist Church again this year. Details and sign up sheet coming soon!

Backpack Update

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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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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!

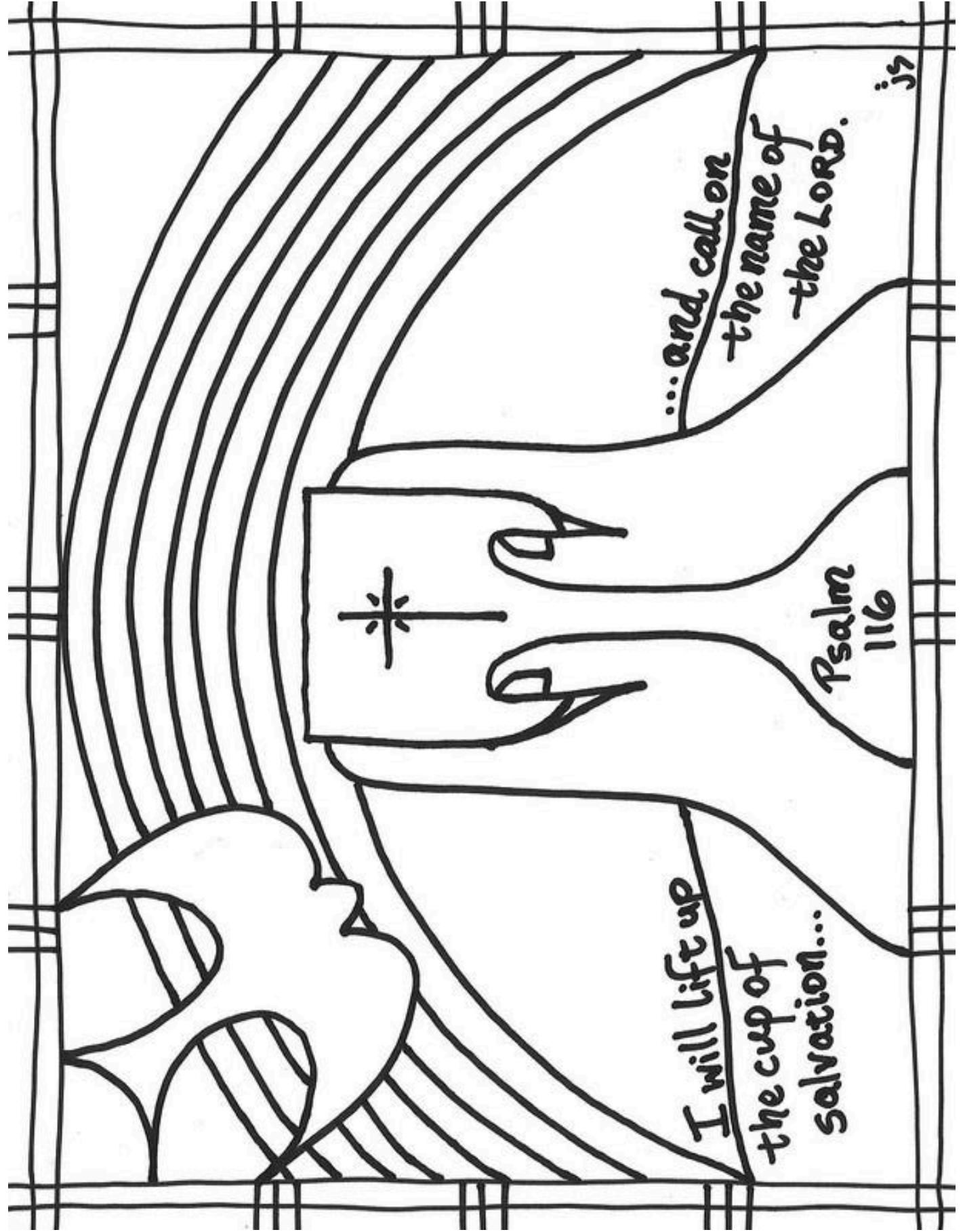
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.



...and call on
the name of
the LORD.

Psalms
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I will lift up
the cup of
salvation...