

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost • July 5, 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

Annie Campbell

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

Leader: Come, people of God, bringing your victories and your struggles before the Lord.

People: We come seeking the One who knows our hearts and offers us liberty through Christ.

Leader: Though we wrestle with weakness, God's mercy is greater than our failures.

People: God's grace lifts us when we fall and gives us courage to carry on.

Leader: In Christ we are not abandoned to our brokenness.

People: In Christ we discover forgiveness, hope, and liberty for a new day.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose love never lets us go.

People: We will sing with grateful hearts and rejoice in the saving grace of our Lord!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 546

"Amazing Grace"

NEW BRITAIN

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

Annie Campbell

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. 339

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

SCRIPTURE

[Romans 7:15-25a](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Carry on Wayward Son”

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 ““Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us’ with ‘Carry on Wayward Son’” Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 340

“Softly and Tenderly”

THOMPSON

CLOSING COMMISION

Leader: Go now into the world remembering that God’s grace is greater than your weakness.

People: We will walk in faith, trusting Christ to lead us each day.

Leader: When the journey is difficult, remember that the Lord walks beside you.

People: God’s mercy gives us strength, hope, and liberty to begin again.

Leader: Carry the love of Christ into every conversation, every challenge, and every opportunity to serve.

People: We will live with grateful hearts, sharing God’s peace and proclaiming Christ’s liberty to the world.

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! 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 July 5, we pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Mayor and City Council of Richmond, the City Administrator, and all city employees.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry (VBWIM) is an association of persons, both women and men, lay and professional, who perceive what they do as Christian Ministry, and who seek to provide an avenue for mutual support, encouragement and empowerment. VBWIM is an autonomous entity that, while related in purpose to BWIM, is financially independent from them.

Guest Preachers

Anita will be away July 13-27, so we will have two guest preachers this month! Laura Davis from CBFVA will be joining us on July 19th, and our own Bill Nieporte will be preaching on July 26th. Thanks to both of you - we look forward to hearing from you!

Summer Learning

For years the Thursday Morning Bible Study group has been asking me to talk about the Trinity. So, to placate them, we'll have a session on the subject on Thursday, July 23, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at church. Everyone is invited!! Bring your own lunch, drink, and Bible. Coffee and dessert will be provided.
- Don Polaski

Christmas in July

Join us on July 26th for a Christmas in July worship service! Bring your favorite holiday snack to share, and come enjoy a fun time of mid-year Christmas cheer! Worship will begin at 10:30am, but come a little early to enjoy snacks and fellowship before we begin.

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. A sign-up link to help in the booth is coming soon!

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 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). 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!

Backpack Update

THANK YOU! We are a little late on getting this "out there"! Connie and Dixie certainly APPRECIATE you! We think this past year was our 11th year (at least) for our Back Pack Ministry with FMEMS! Amazing, 36 bags of food (approx 20 items/bag) weekly (during school year) for 9 months x 11 years! That's a lot of food...feeding 36 food insecure children!!! You ALL are AMAZING! PS: Keep saving those handled grocery bags...we will be BACK TO IT soon!!!

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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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.

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

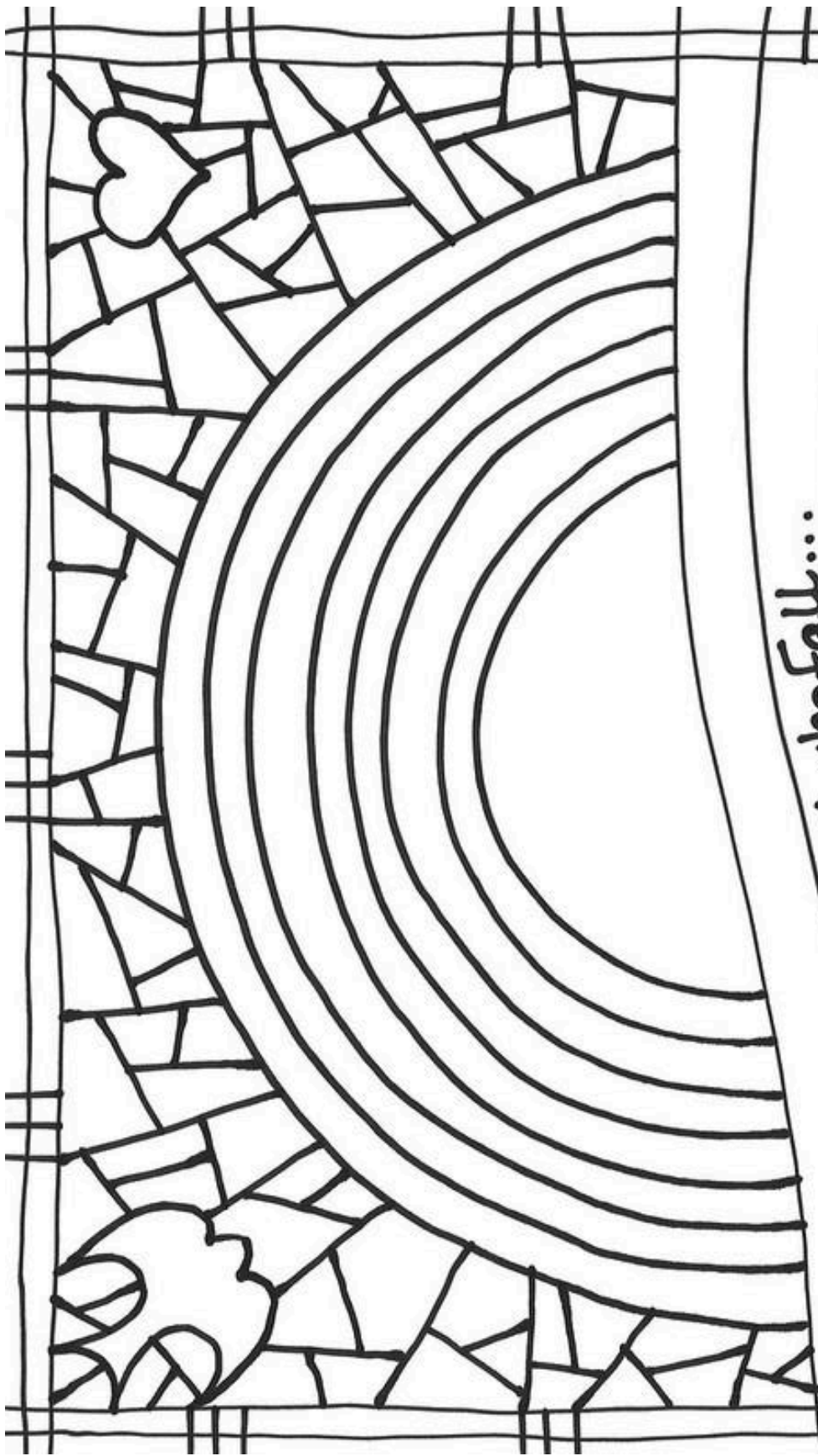
Just as I am, thy love unknown, hast broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, (Come home,) come home, (come home,) ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
Come home, (Come home,) come home, (come home,) ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;
tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, (Come home,) come home, (come home,) ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"



The Lord upholds all who fall...

... and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145v14