

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 2, 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

Kelly Schmitt

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

Leader: We come carrying questions, burdens, fears, and hopes.

People: We come to meet the God who meets us in the struggle.

Leader: Jacob wrestled through the darkness until the dawn.

People: We will not let go until God blesses us.

Leader: God does not abandon us in the night.

People: God stays with us in every battle, every doubt, and every prayer.

Leader: Though we may leave changed, wounded, or humbled,

People: We also leave blessed, renewed, and called by a new name.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who transforms our wrestling into blessing.

People: We come to worship God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 552

“Standing on the Promises”

STAND

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

Kelly Schmitt

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. 259

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE

[Genesis 32:22-31](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Wrestle”

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. “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus’ with ‘Wrestle’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 586

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: Go now, knowing that God is not afraid of your questions or your struggles.

People: We will not let go of God, for God will not let go of us.

Leader: When the night is long and the path is uncertain,

People: We will trust that God is with us in the wrestling.

Leader: If the struggle leaves you changed,

People: We will receive God’s blessing with grateful hearts.

Leader: If you walk with a limp,

People: We will remember that God’s grace is stronger than our weakness.

Leader: Go into the world, holding fast to the One who gives us a new name and a new future.

People: We go in faith, strengthened by God’s presence, transformed by God’s love, and ready to share God’s blessing with the world. 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 August 2, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For safe, respectful work environments, healthy work ethics and attitudes, and sufficient salary and benefits for all workers.

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.

VA Pridefest

Save the date - Pridefest is Sept 12th! We are joining forces with our friends at Seventh Street Christian Church and Grace Baptist Church again this year. Sign up using the link on Realm, but please only sign up for one time slot!

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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Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;

open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Give Praise to the LORD and Proclaim His Name!

