

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 23, 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.

*I know it feels like
this is the end,
but if we stop hoping, we stop fighting
— that's how a tyrant wins.
It's not a marathon,
it's not a sprint.
It's a thousand day relay race,
so rest and resist again.*

*So wipe your face dry
and roll your sleeves up.
Even when they knock you down
you get back up, you don't give up.
- Crys Matthews, "Sleeves Up"*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Walters

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

Leader: A new Pharaoh arose who looked upon God's people and saw something to fear.

People: But fear will not have the final word.

Leader: Pharaoh commanded oppression, but courageous people chose compassion.

People: When the powers of death say, "Give up," God's people choose life.

Leader: Midwives, a mother, a sister, and a daughter dared to resist.

People: Give us courage, O God, to do what is right.

Leader: The work of liberation belongs to ordinary people willing to stand up, speak up, and serve.

People: We will trust God and do the next faithful thing.

Leader: People of God, there is work to be done.

People: By the grace of God, we will roll up our sleeves. Let us worship God!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 464

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

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

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

“There Came a Time in Egypt”

WEBB

There came a time in Egypt when Joseph wasn't known —
when people had forgotten the seeds of help he'd sown.
With immigrants increasing, the leaders lived in fear.
That fear turned into murmuring: "We do not want them here!"

The rulers told the midwives, "Don't let their numbers grow."
But Shiphrah said, with Puah, a quiet, faithful, "No!"
When they were tasked with killing, they saved the baby boys.
God, may we, too, be willing to challenge what destroys.

O God, you sent us Jesus who said, "Take up your cross!"
He taught that faithful living will often have a cost.
He taught us to be daring, creative, wise and strong —
to make the world more caring, to challenge what is wrong.

When immigrants are struggling, when children live in fear,
when forces of destruction are threatening people here,
God, make us like those women, and may we seek to be
the ones who usher life in, till all are whole and free.
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SCRIPTURE

[Exodus 1:8-2:10](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Sleeves Up”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

““Go Down, Moses’ with’Sleeves Up””

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 630

“We Shall Overcome”

MARTIN

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: The world may tell us that the problems are too great.

People: But God has given us work to do.

Leader: When darkness seems overwhelming—

People: We will gather up the light.

Leader: When we grow weary—

People: We will encourage one another.

Leader: When injustice calls for courage—

People: We will stand up, speak up, and choose life.

Leader: And when God shows us work that needs doing—

People: We will roll up our sleeves.

Leader: Go in the strength of God, the love of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: We go together, trusting God and refusing to give up. 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 23, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development in depressed portions of the city; for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia is one of two Baptist associations that Ginter Park Baptist is aligned with (CBF and the Alliance of Baptists). CBFVA is committed to walking alongside congregations as they live out their unique call through Advocacy, Partnerships, and Theological Education. This year's General Assembly will be on Sept 22nd at Melrose Baptist Church (3520 Peters Creek Road) in Roanoke, VA.

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! If you can't help the day of the event, see Anita for other ways to help us prepare.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible Study begins September 17th! All are invited to join the lively, deep conversations that happen on Thursdays as Don Polaski leads and teaches from holy scripture. The group meets at church from 10am to 11:30 am for fellowship, prayer and study. Bring your Bibles and join in! Don will spend the first session reviewing and getting everyone - newcomers and "regulars" - ready to go forward in the Acts of the Apostles.

Book Club News

The Page Turners Book Club will be resuming soon! 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

Yep...IT'S THAT TIME again! See Connie's note in Realm to see the size grocery bags that are BEST for holding the backpack food (20 food items) packed weekly and delivered to 36 kids at FMES! If you are available to fill in by shopping or packing when needed, let Connie and Dixie know!

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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God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledges to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

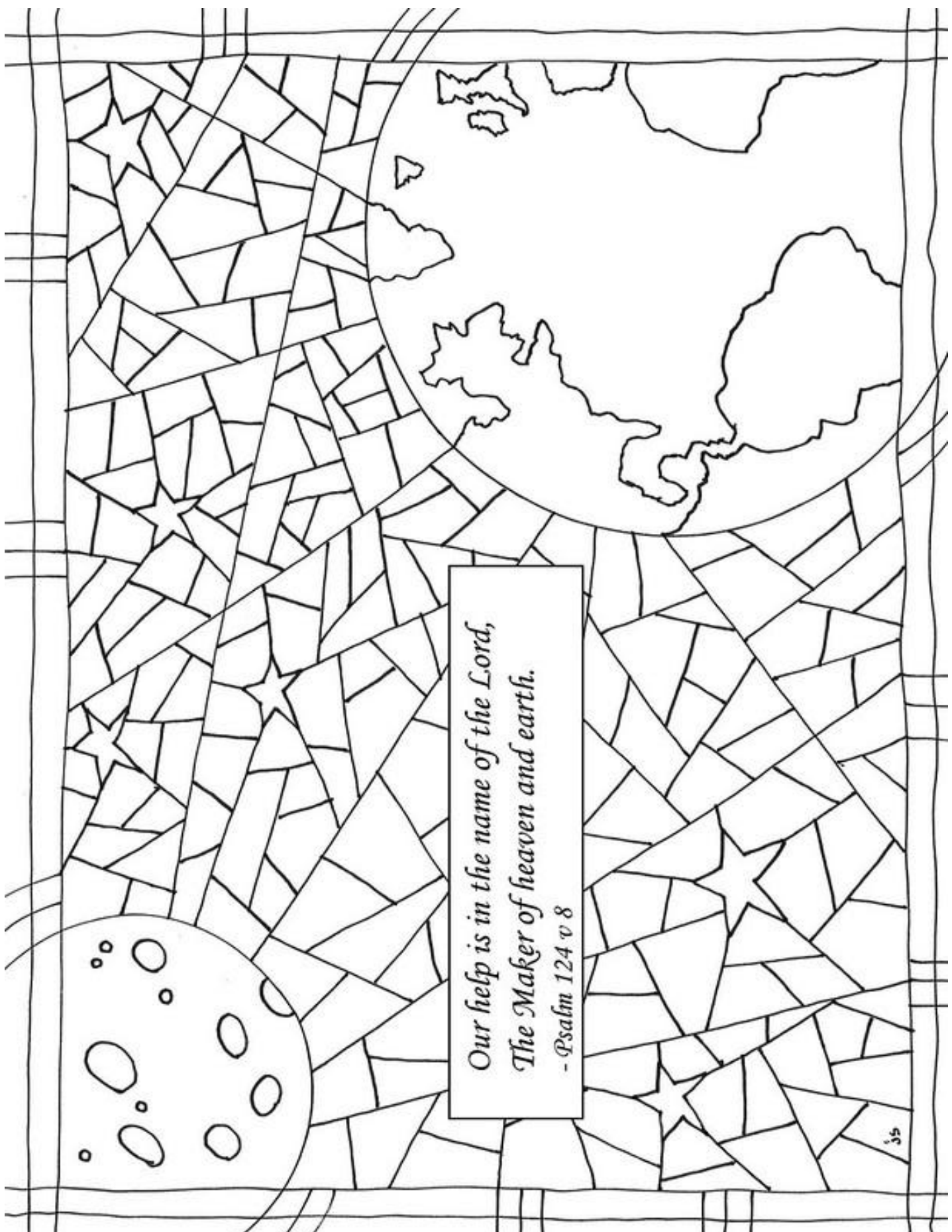
The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We are not afraid today, we are not afraid today, we are not afraid today.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!



*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.*

- Psalm 124 v 8