

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost • August 9, 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: Come, all who have known calm seas and crashing waves.

People: We come seeking the One who walks on the water.

Leader: When fear rises like the wind around us,

People: Christ speaks, "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Leader: When doubt threatens to pull us beneath the surface,

People: Christ reaches out a saving hand.

Leader: Through every storm, God remains faithful.

People: We will lift our eyes above the waves and trust the One who never leaves us.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord of wind and sea.

People: We come with hope, with faith, and with praise!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 618

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

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

“O Lord, You Sent Your Friends Out”

AURELIA

O Lord, you sent your friends out upon the sea one day,
then you went up a mountain to be alone and pray.
But soon their boat was shaken by mighty winds and waves.
They fought the storm that threatened and prayed to God who saves.

Soon, early in the morning, they saw you on the sea.
They thought a ghost was with them and cried out fearfully.
"Don't be afraid," you told them, "for it is I," you said.
You stayed with them and helped them when they were filled with dread.

"If it is you," said Peter, "Just give me your command
and I'll walk on the water as if it were dry land."
He bravely went to meet you, but soon he sank in fear.
He found it hard to trust you when danger was so near.

You reached your hand to Peter and then you stilled the storm.
They worshiped you in wonder as wind and waves grew calm.
May we your church have courage to trust in you alone.
In you we find safe passage and you will bring us home.

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SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Storm”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “It Is Well with My Soul’ with ‘Storm”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 629

“Stand by Me”

STAND BY ME

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: Go now into a world where storms still rise.

People: We will not fear, for Christ goes before us.

Leader: When the wind grows strong and the waves seem overwhelming,

People: We will listen for the voice that says, “Take courage. It is I.”

Leader: When our faith falters and we begin to sink,

People: Christ will reach out with grace that never lets us go.

Leader: Keep your eyes on the One who walks through every storm.

People: We will trust in the Lord who calms our fears and strengthens our faith.

Leader: Go in peace, walk in courage, and follow Christ wherever the waters may lead.

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 August 9, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For owners and managers; for servant leadership, civic responsibility, and ethical decision-making.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Richmond Hill - Founded in 1987, Richmond Hill is an ecumenical Christian fellowship and residential community who serve as stewards of an urban retreat center within the setting of a historic monastery. Their Mission is to seek God's healing of Metropolitan Richmond through prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation and spiritual development.

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

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! Stay tuned for Coordinator sign up forthcoming! Thank you, Connie and Dixie!

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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How Firm a Foundation

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Stand by Me

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, Stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
when the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
when I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
in the midst of persecution, stand by me;
when my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
when my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

