

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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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.

*Joseph's luck was really out
His spirit and his fortune low
Alone he sat, alone he thought
Of happy times he used to know*

*Go, go go Joseph you know what they say
Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day
Don't give up Joseph fight till you drop
We've read the book and you come out on top...*

*Hey dreamer, don't be so upset
Hey Joseph, you're not beaten yet...*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Horn

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

Leader: From the rainbow of Noah to the call of Abraham and Sarah, God has been with us on the journey.

People: The God of promise is with us still.

Leader: Today we travel with Joseph into Egypt, through uncertainty and even into prison.

People: Wherever the road leads, God goes with us.

Leader: And the story keeps moving—from Joseph, through generations of promise, toward Bethlehem.

People: We are journeying toward Emmanuel—God with us.

Leader: When the road is easy, we will go. When the road is difficult, we will go. When we cannot see what comes next, we will trust.

People: For God is with us on the journey.

Leader: People of God, the story continues. Come, let us worship!

People: We will go forward in faith. Let us worship God!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN

“We’re Children of God”

LYONS

Some of us stand while singing, and others don’t. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.

We're children of God; we're welcomed and claimed. We're given new birth, renewed and renamed.
The world may not know yet to whom we belong, but we are God's children and love is our song.

We're children of God who takes away sin. In Christ we abide; our life is in him.
We offer forgiveness, seek justice and peace, and reach out to others, that love may increase.

We're children of God and so our delight is living the life that's good in God's sight.
One day we'll be like him, transformed from above to sing for eternity God's song of love.

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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

Lisa Horn

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. 627

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

SOJOURNER

SCRIPTURE READING

[Genesis 39:1–23](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

"Go, Go, Go Joseph"

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" with "Go, Go, Go Joseph"

Arr. Horn

AZMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 559

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

ALL THE WAY'S

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: Our worship ends, but the story continues.

People: We will go forward, for God goes with us.

Leader: From the rainbow of Noah—

People: God has been faithful.

Leader: Through the calling of Abraham and Sarah—

People: God has been faithful.

Leader: Into Egypt with Joseph—

People: God has been faithful.

Leader: Even into the prison—

People: God has been faithful.

Leader: And the journey continues.

People: We will go forward in faith.

Leader: Soon we will stand beside Moses at the sea. We will walk through wilderness, listen to prophets, and wait through generations of promise.

People: We will keep walking toward Bethlehem.

Leader: Toward a manger.

People: Toward a Savior.

Leader: Toward the One who will be called Emmanuel—

People: God with us.

Leader: So go when the road is easy.

People: God goes with us.

Leader: Go when the road is difficult.

People: God goes with us.

Leader: Go when you know the way.

People: God goes with us.

Leader: Go when you cannot see what comes next.

People: God goes with us.

Leader: Go in faith. Go in courage. Go in love. Go in peace.

People: The story continues, and God goes with us.

Leader: Then people of God—GO, GO, GO!

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 September 27, we pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students. For cooperation between Superintendents, School Boards, and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ. For more than 100 years, the Baptist World Alliance has networked the Baptist family to impact the world for Christ with a commitment to strengthen worship, fellowship and unity; lead in mission and evangelism; respond to people in need through aid, relief, and community development; defend religious freedom, human rights, and justice; and advance theological reflection and leadership development.

Business Meeting

Our quarterly business meeting is TODAY, immediately after worship. Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom.

Volunteers Needed

We are working on creating a rotation of volunteers to help with our little ones (birth through kindergarten) on Sunday mornings. Right now, we mostly need people who are willing to be available if needed, knowing that some mornings you'd be free to join us for worship. If you are interested in joining the rotation, let Anita know!

BJC Study - Round 2

Particularly during a time when Christian nationalism is seen in many forms, it can be difficult to know how to show up as a Christian. This curriculum explores these principles and invites Christians to consider the intersections of faith, power, and politics in U.S. society. Through reflection, storytelling, case studies, and collective learning across six sessions, participants offer the gifts of their faith in solidarity and mutuality for a just society. "Faith, Power, and Politics: Cultivating religious liberty as a Christian" will be a weeknight study, beginning September 28th at 6:30pm. Let Anita know if you are interested in participating!

Church Picnic at Dunncroft Park

Mark your calendars for our church picnic and Blessing of the Animals on October 4th at 11am! We will be in the picnic shelter at Dunncroft Park (4901 Francistown Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060). Bring a dish to share, and your (leashed) animal friends! Sign up on Realm!

Guest Speaker

Jessica Hearne will be our guest preacher on October 11th! She is currently serving as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel in Danville, VA. Jessica manages the Grace and Main Urban Farm and Tool Library, which provide fresh food, gardening education, and free access to tools for people living in her neighborhoods. She works with people experiencing food and housing insecurity to cultivate beloved community, build new gardens in their yards and neighborhoods, and advocate for better food access and a more just food system where everyone can have enough to eat. Jessica and her husband, Joshua, are also parents to Lucia, an energetic middle school student, dancer, and Girl Scout.

Blue Circle #3

Get ready for our third Blue Circle conversation! Mark your calendars for October 24th, 10am-2pm. ReEstablish Richmond and the Health Brigade will be teaching us more about our immigrant/migrant neighbors and how we can help welcome and support them. Lunch will be provided, so sign up on Realm!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible Study meets at 10am, and all are invited to join the lively, deep conversations that happen as Don Polaski leads and teaches from holy scripture. Bring your Bibles and join in as we study the Acts of the Apostles.

Book Club News

The Page Turners Book Club is back in session! 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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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. in my trials, Lord, walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking, O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.

When my head is bowed in sorrow, O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,

for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;

for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,

gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread;

though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,

gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;

gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of his love!

Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above;

when my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,

this my song through endless ages: "Jesus led me all the way;"

this my song through endless ages: "Jesus led me all the way."

