

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.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nadene Eads

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

Leader: With Noah, we remembered God's promise; with Abraham, we answered God's call.

People: Faithful God, you have led us this far.

Leader: With Joseph, we found God in prison; with Moses, we followed God through the sea.

People: Delivering God, lead us into freedom.

Leader: At Sinai, we received God's commandments; with Joshua, we chose whom we would serve.

People: Covenant God, teach us to love our neighbors.

Leader: Today, Nathan confronts David, and God calls power to account.

People: Holy God, open our ears to truth and our hearts to change.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose power brings justice and mercy.

People: We come to listen, to be changed, and to serve.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 453

"In Hall of Wealth and Power"

ST. THEODULPH

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

In halls of wealth and power where shadowed deals are made,
the heartless ones devour; the helpless are betrayed.

The ones who make decisions seem confident and strong
yet sometimes blur divisions between the right and wrong.

O God of love and justice, when we feel sure and strong,
may power never tempt us to venture toward the wrong.

In all of our endeavors, give wisdom, Lord, we pray,
that we may love our neighbors and seek your kingdom way.

In halls of wealth and power, in home and neighborhood,
may we reject the evil and turn to what is good.

May justice dance with mercy and service dance with grace;
may nations lift the lowly till peace and love embrace.

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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

Nadene Eads

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. 606

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

NETTLETON

SCRIPTURE READING

[2 Samuel 11:1–5, 26–27; 12:1–9](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

SERMON

“Your Power”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee’ with ‘Your Power’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 612

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

ANGEL'S STORY

CLOSING COMMISSION

Leader: Go from David's story ready to hear hard truths and use your power with care.

People: God, give us humble and courageous hearts.

Leader: As we journey toward Christmas, may Solomon's search for wisdom and Naaman's healing teach us to listen and receive.

People: Make us wise, and open us to healing.

Leader: May Micah's call and Isaiah's vision lead us toward justice and peace.

People: Help us love mercy and turn weapons into tools for life.

Leader: With Habakkuk, may we hold fast to hope; with Esther, may we find courage to speak.

People: Keep us faithful, and make us brave.

Leader: May the promised servant's light guide us toward Emmanuel and the child of Bethlehem.

People: Prepare us to welcome Christ and share his love.

Leader: May God bless your going, Christ guide your serving, and the Spirit strengthen your love—this week and all the way to Christmas.

People: We go in peace to serve with love. 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 October 25, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency shelters, women's shelters, clinics, and feeding programs. For recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters.

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.

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!

Guest Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Katie Callaway will be our guest speaker on November 1st! Katie is the director of development at BJC, where she leads a comprehensive fundraising program to support the work of defending faith freedom for all and countering Christian nationalism. A seasoned fundraiser and ordained minister, Callaway believes development is both storytelling and justice work. She previously served as the senior director of grants management at The Y in Central Maryland, where she managed a \$20 million philanthropic portfolio to advance equity-focused programs in youth development, health, and community engagement.

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 Turner's Book Club has a new book to discuss: The Three Graces of Pearl Street by Elizabeth Wellington Rollins. We will discuss the book on Sunday November 15th at 4pm at the church.

Backpack Update

We are up and running! We have our 36 students on board to receive their weekend bags of food! Let us Bless those Backpacks of food and the students they go home with!!! We are grateful for the principal of Francis McClenney Elementary School, Ms. Pendleton, and Kyra Fontaine, Community Coordinator in the school. These two are partners in this mission project by selecting the students who receive these bags of food and weekly seeing to it that the kids pick up their bags of food for the weekend! It takes a village!!! So thankful for the village of GPBC AND FMES! Together we make it happen!

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, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

