

Welcome to Worship

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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All Saints Sunday • November 1, 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

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brandon Kelly

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

Leader: We began beside the floodwaters, where God placed a rainbow in the sky.

People: God's promise holds us, from generation to generation.

Leader: We traveled with Abraham, called to leave the familiar and become a blessing.

People: God calls us forward, that others may be blessed.

Leader: We remembered Joseph, unjustly imprisoned, yet never beyond God's presence.

People: God remains with us in places of suffering and uncertainty.

Leader: We stood with Moses and the people at the sea, where God opened a way toward freedom.

People: God delivers us and teaches us to trust.

Leader: At Sinai, we received commandments for life together; with Joshua, we renewed our commitment to serve God.

People: Shape our choices, O God, that our lives may honor you.

Leader: Through Nathan's words to David, we heard the truth about power misused.

People: Give us courage to face the harm we cause and turn toward justice.

Leader: Today, with Solomon, we ask for hearts that listen and wisdom that protects life.

People: Teach us to use the power entrusted to us with compassion.

Leader: With the saints who have gone before us and the community gathered here, let us worship God.

People: Faithful God, receive our gratitude, our grief, and our praise.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 637

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

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

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Anita Laffoon

Leader: On this All Saints' Day, we remember those who have died and whose lives remain woven into our own.

People: We give thanks for the love we received and the memories we carry.

Leader: We remember those who taught us to pray, encouraged our questions, and showed us how to serve.

People: Their witness continues to shape our faith.

Leader: We remember family and friends, neighbors and teachers, members of this church, and companions along the way.

People: Their kindness lives on in the lives they touched.

Leader: Some losses are recent; others have accompanied us for many years. Some memories bring comfort; others carry sorrow or unfinished words.

People: God of mercy, receive everything we bring.

Leader: You are invited now to speak aloud the name of someone who has died—someone you love, someone you miss, or someone whose life you wish to remember before God. You may also hold a name in silence.

Leader: For every name spoken, and every name held quietly within us—

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those whose names have been forgotten by the world, and for those who had no one to mourn them—

People: Remember them in your boundless love.

Leader: For the wisdom, courage, tenderness, and faithfulness entrusted to us through others—

People: Help us carry these gifts into the lives of those who follow us.

Leader: We entrust our beloved dead to the mercy of God and our wounded hearts to the care of Christ.

People: In life and in death, we belong to God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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 NO. 595

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

SCRIPTURE READING

[1 Kings 3:4–28](#)

Katie Schlimmer Callaway

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Wisdom in Times of Folly”

Katie Schlimmer Callaway

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Take My Life and Let It Be’ with ‘Humble and Kind’”

Arr. Horn

MISSION MOMENT

Raymond Cady

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Anita Laffoon

HYMN NO. 611

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

FESTAL SONG

CLOSING COMMISSION

Anita Laffoon

Leader: Go with Solomon’s prayer upon your heart: may God give you wisdom to listen and compassion to protect life.

People: We will use the power entrusted to us to serve our neighbors.

Leader: As our journey leads toward Naaman’s healing, may you recognize grace in unexpected people and places.

People: We will open our hearts to God’s healing work.

Leader: As Micah calls us to justice, kindness, and humility, and Isaiah envisions swords becoming plowshares—

People: We will practice mercy and become makers of peace.

Leader: As Advent approaches, may Habakkuk’s waiting strengthen your faith and Esther’s courage awaken your own.

People: We will trust God in uncertainty and speak for those whose lives are threatened.

Leader: As Isaiah announces light for the nations, may your lives offer hope to those who sit in darkness.

People: We will carry Christ’s light through acts of justice and love.

Leader: As Joseph welcomes the promise of Emmanuel, may you discover God beside you in the unfamiliar.

People: We will make room for God’s surprising presence.

Leader: And as we journey toward Christmas, may the child of Bethlehem teach us the power of love made vulnerable.

People: We will welcome Christ and share the good news of peace.

Leader: May the God who holds the saints, the Christ who shares our humanity, and the Spirit who guides our steps bless you and keep you.

People: From this day through Christmas, and all the days beyond, we go in wisdom, hope, and 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.

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Katie Schlimmer Callaway! 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.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of November 1, we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed. For suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

Founded in 1936, The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty brings a uniquely Baptist perspective of "soul freedom" to protecting religious liberty for all faiths and defending the separation of church and state. BJC is the only faith-based group working on the national level with this singular focus. They file briefs in pivotal Supreme Court cases, advocate for and against legislation, testify in Congress and unite with others across faiths to ensure that all Americans have, and will always have, the right to follow their spiritual beliefs.

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!

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! 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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For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might: their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia!

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things.
give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long.
bring in the day of righteousness, and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
with strength unequal to the task; rise up, and make it great.

Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;
come sisters, brothers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

Solomon's Temple

