

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 8th, 2024 • 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

Anita Laffoon

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

One: Come and worship!

Many: We will praise the One between, within, and over.

One: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

Many: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.

One: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

Many: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice.

One: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

Many: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 5

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

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

Anita Laffoon

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

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. 276

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

SCRIPTURE Acts 12:6-17 Laura Davis

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Who Was at the Door, Rhoda?" Laura Davis

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE "And Can It Be" Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Anita Laffoon

HYMN NO. 95 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

CLOSING COMMISSION Anita Laffoon

One: We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

Many: Now we go back out into the world.

One: We came together to build relationships,

Many: Relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus.

One: We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections

Many: Ready to love and to serve. Ready to carry God's love to the world.

One: As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,

Many: Let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship, is always with us.

One: Go with God, as the people of God.

Many: So be it! 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 Rev. Laura Davis! Laura serves as Associate Coordinator with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia. She grew up in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains in Sperryville, Virginia and currently lives in Stuarts Draft. She received her Master's of Divinity from Campbell University Divinity School where she is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree. Laura desires to equip and inspire people to live out their God given passions in their communities, especially through advocacy, education, and community relationships. She is married to Kenny Davis and has three young adult children.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of September 8th, we pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public, private, and religious schools. For students, teachers, and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers. For all preschools and daycare centers and for children in home schools.

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 September 17th at First Baptist Church in Newport News.

Business Meeting

Our next business meeting will be TODAY immediately after worship. Please plan to attend in person or on Zoom.

Study Opportunities

Our study opportunities and Children's worship will be resuming soon!

- **Sunday Morning Small Group** - meets at 9am, and we are studying the book *Reclaiming Faith*. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - will resume their study of Acts on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m., beginning September 12th. This is a deep dive into the scriptures and covers theology, history, languages, authorship, contextual examination and how The Story of all stories has spoken to people through the ages and still speaks today. Contact Don Polaski for more information.
- **Weeknight Small Group** - will begin in September and will be reading *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*. This book reexamines six passages in the Bible - often known as the "Clobber Passages" - to talk about what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality. We will talk about outdated and inaccurate assumptions and interpretations in this study, as well as learn how to articulate our own theology. Time and date TBD. Let Anita know if you are interested in joining this study!

VA Pride

We have our official acceptance to be a vendor at Pride! If you can help THIS SATURDAY, September 14th from 12pm to 5pm, look for a sign up link on Realm.

Book Club

The Page Turners book club will meet on Sunday September 22, 2024 at 4pm. We will discuss all the books that we have read over the Summer. Location TBA.

Sophia Farms

Sophia Farms is beginning their second season of CSA soon! Buy a share of farm's produce now, and when harvesting begins (around September 19th), you receive your share of the produce each week.

Church Picnic

Save the date for our church picnic - October 6th! More details will be coming soon.

Backpack Update

Our deliveries will begin soon! If you are interested in helping this year, let Dixie Leathers or Connie Bak know. As always, please continue to bring in your paper grocery bags (with handles!).

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 (alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org)!

Hymn Texts

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

My loving Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
The pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
Ordaining, maintaining the power of life.
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.

May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

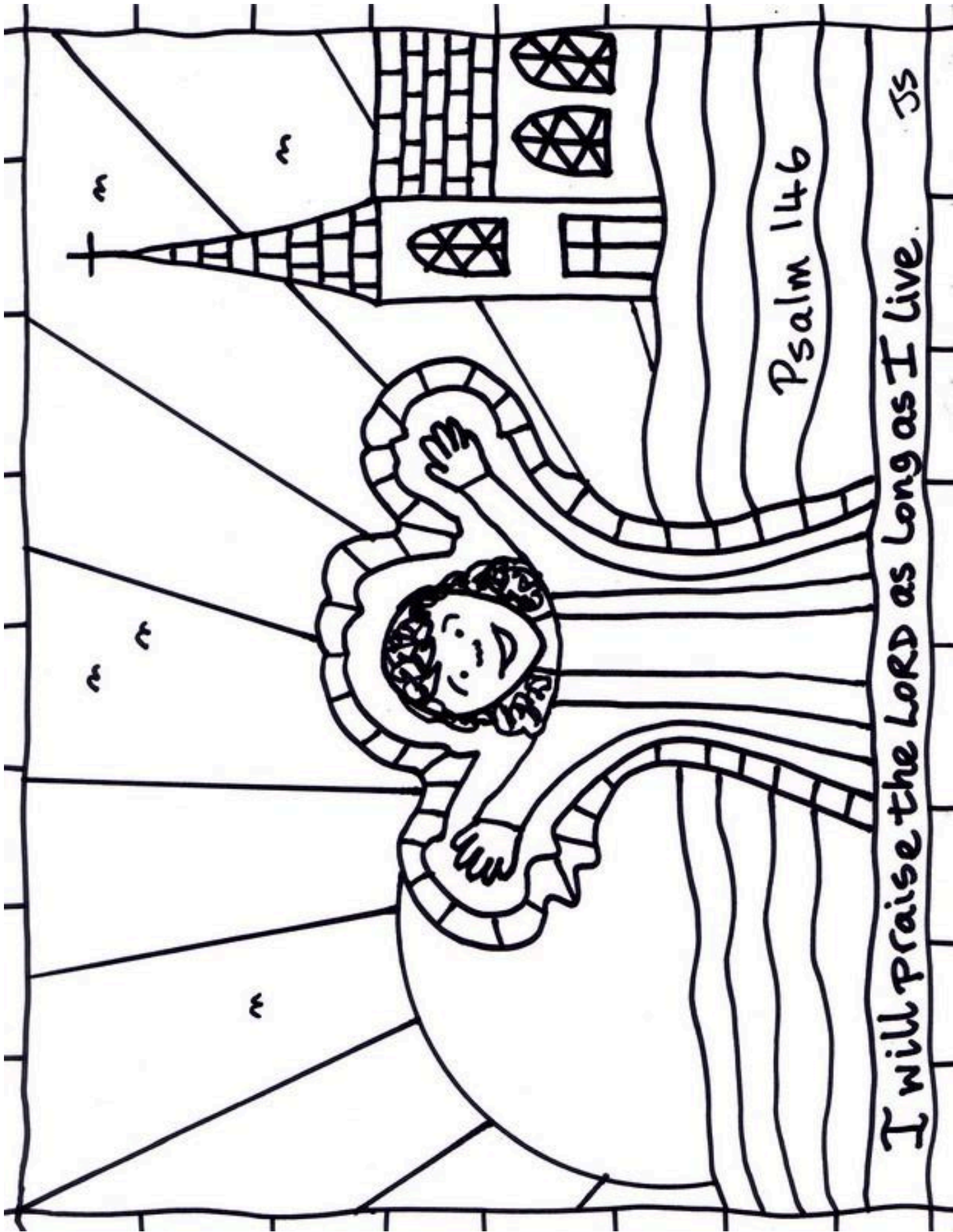
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journeys run;
his love shall spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Christ shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice;

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise with song; honors and praise to Christ our belong;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!



Psalm 146

I will praise the LORD as long as I live.