

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reformation Sunday • October 27th, 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.

*I come to you with strange fire
I make an offering of love
The incense of my soil is burned
By the fire in my blood
I come with a softer answer
To the questions that lie in your path
I want to harbor you from the anger*

*Find a refuge from the wrath
This is a message
A message of love
Love that moves from the inside out
Love that never grows tired
I come to you with strange fire...
(Indigo Girls, "Strange Fire")*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Irwin

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

One: God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love saved us from our trespasses;

Many: God made us alive together in Christ.

One: By grace we have been saved through faith;

Many: This is not our own doing; this is the gift of God.

One: For we are what God has made us,

Many: Created in Christ Jesus for good works.

One: It is not the result of what we do, but the result of God's grace that we do good,

Many: For God set this to be our way of life.

One: Come, worship God, be filled with the Spirit,

Many: And follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 72

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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

Paul Irwin

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. 280

“God Is Here!”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

SCRIPTURE

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Strange Fire”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “A Mighty Fortress’ with ‘Strange Fire”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 477

“Pass It On”

PASS IT ON

CLOSING COMMISSION

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.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of October 27th, 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

River City Faith Network is a network of churches that work together to serve the city of Richmond through a variety of ministry opportunities. Ministry Centers include Camp Alkulana, The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, Oregon Hill Baptist Center, South Richmond Baptist Center, Central Virginia Raceway Ministry, and the WMU.

Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Small Group** - meets at 9am, and they are studying the book *Reclaiming Faith*. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.
- **Weeknight Small Groups** - are reading *UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*. There are two groups for this book study - one on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, and another on Thursdays at 6pm. Zoom is available! Contact Anita Laffoon for more information..

Church Check-in and Business Meeting

We will have a Church Check-in after worship TODAY to present budget reports ahead of the Nov 17th Business Meeting. Please make plans to join us either in person or via Zoom!

Sofia Farms

Sofia is hosting a Harvest Celebration on November 2nd from 10am-1pm, and you're invited! Come tour the farm, enjoy music and games, and give thanks for all that God has provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, the address is 15233 Gatewood Road, Diwiddie VA 23841.

Breakfast for Oregon Hill

We will be providing breakfast for Oregon Hill Baptist Center's ministry for the unhoused on November 7th. If you can help serve or provide food, please contact Sandra Polaski or Katherine Baucom.

Day for All People

Registration is now open for the Day for All People 2025. This is the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy's annual lobby day and an incredible opportunity to join with other people of faith and goodwill as we advocate for others at the General Assembly session. Hope you can join us on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 7:30am to 3:15pm at Centenary United Methodist Church! Visit their website to register - <https://virginiainterfaithcenter.org/>

Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club has a new read! The book for our next meeting will be: *What Happens Next* by Christina Suzann Nelson. The book will be discussed on Sunday November 24th at 4pm. Location TBA.

Backpack Update

Our deliveries have begun! 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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To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

God Is Here!

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, fount, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love. Once you've experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone. You want to pass it on.

What a wond'rous time is spring, when all the tress are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found.
You can depend on God, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop, I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me. I want to pass it on.



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