

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost • November 17th, 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.

*Give a little bit  
Oh, give a little bit of your love to me  
I'll give a little bit  
I'll give a little bit of my life for you  
Now's the time that we need to share  
So find yourself, we're on our way back home..  
(Supertramp, "Give a Little Bit")*

## CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Hack Polaski

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

One: Pray for those who are hungry.

**Many: Pray harder for those who will not feed them.**

One: Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

**Many: Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.**

One: Pray for those who are homeless.

**Many: Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.**

One: Pray for the sick and lonely.

**Many: Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.**

One: Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

**Many: Pray harder for those who will not listen.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN NO. 609

"Take My Life"

HENSON

\*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

Sandra Hack Polaski

\*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. 600

“Jesu, Jesu”

CHEREPONI

SCRIPTURE

[Mark 12:41-44](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“Give a Little Bit”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Give Them All’ with ‘Give a Little Bit’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 614

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

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 November 17th, we pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and the care of the elderly. For sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

### **Pray for our Ministry Partners**

Richmond Hill - Founded in 1987, Richmond Hill is an ecumenical Christian fellowship and residential community who serve as stewards of an urban retreat center within the setting of a historic monastery. Their Mission is to seek God's healing of Metropolitan Richmond through prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation and spiritual development.

### **Study Opportunities**

- **Sunday Morning Small Group** - meets at 9am, and they are studying the book *Our Greatest Gift - a Meditation on Dying & Caring*, by Henri Nouwen. 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.

### **Business Meeting**

Our next business meeting will be TODAY immediately after worship. Please make plans to join us either in person or via Zoom!

### **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 at Dixie Leather's house.

### **Concerned Northside Churches (CNC)**

The annual Concerned Northside Churches Christmas party for adults in group homes in Northside will be held at Battery Park Christian Church on Thursday, December 5. We are members of CNC and support this ministry, and everyone is invited to the party. This year our contributions to the party and gift bags are: 6 dozen sugar free cookies, 80 packs of Nabs and warm socks. The Missions Leadership Team budget will cover the cookie/Nabs costs, and we are asking for donations of socks from the congregation. Warm tube or crew for men and women are needed. Men's: large and extra large. Women's: medium and large. Place socks in the basket in the worship space by Sunday, December 1. If you need more information about the party or the donations, talk to Nancy Williams.

## **Advent Calendar**

This Advent, we're asking you to participate in a small homework assignment each week. Bring an object with you to worship that represents a memory of Hope, Peace, Joy, or Love. The four Sundays of Advent are:

- Dec 1 - Hope
- Dec 8 - Peace
- Dec 15 - Joy (also our potluck brunch day - bring a dish to share at 9am!)
- Dec 22 - Love
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve service at 5pm

## **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/>

## **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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### **Take My Life, and Let It Be**

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing; unto God my praise I bring.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

## **Jesu, Jesu**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

## **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me any time and anywhere.

Jesus at the Temple - Mark 13



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