

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday • November 3rd, 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.

On All Saints Sunday we remember our loved ones - family, friends, guides on our journey - who are no longer with us by lighting candles in memory of them. Feel free to light one (or all) of the candles at your table at any time during the service.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harry Gaines

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

One: Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you,

Many: in Christ you weep with those who mourn, even as you cry out in triumph over the grave.

One: Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity,

Many: and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life,

One: so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name;

Many: through Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

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

One: God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;

Many: We lament their passing,

One: And honor their legacy.

Many: We give thanks for all we have learned from them.

One: Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,

Many: We follow their example.

One: Those who made mistakes along the way,

Many: We learn from their experience.

One: Those who made progress for peace,

Many: We continue their work.

One: Those who lived simply and quietly,

Many: We are enlightened by them.

One: Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

Many: We are humbled by them.

One: They have finished their work on earth,

Many: And it lives on,

One: Reverberating into our lives now

Many: As the work of Christ lives on.

Below are the names of the members and friends of Ginter Park Baptist Church who have passed away since All Saints Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

*Jean Jones
Elmer West
Hudnall Baldwin
Gerry Baldwin*

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Harry Gaines

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. 518

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

BEGINNINGS

SCRIPTURE

[John 11:32-44](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Legacy”

Anita Laffoon

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “When the Saints Go Marching In’ with ‘Legacy’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 638

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

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 3rd, 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

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.

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.

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.

Business Meeting

Our next business meeting will be November 17th. 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. Location TBA.

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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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!

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

In faith we gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

In faith we'll gather round the table to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



Praise our God.

Praise all peoples;

All people

Let the sound

Let God's praise

Let God be heard!

Psalm 66 v 8

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All Saints Day

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