

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany • January 26th, 2025 • 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

Sandra Polaski

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

One: God of Jubilee, God of freedom from oppression

Many: and healing for the afflicted,

One: We gather to share your Good News

Many: We gather to be transformed as the world is changed.

One: In this time of worship, may we be fed in body and soul.

Many: As we sing and pray, may the Spirit of the Lord fall upon us,

One: May we be refreshed, anointed, and empowered.

Many: And when our time of worship is ended, send us back out into the world to proclaim the Good News.

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

Sandra 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.

SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 8:1-8 Don Polaski

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God
Many: Thanks be to God

HYMN No. 464 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-21 Don Polaski

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God
Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Hear and Now” Don Polaski

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Blest Be the Tie That Binds’ with ‘Here and Now’” Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Sandra Polaski

HYMN No. 687 “In Christ There Is No East or West” ST. PETER

CLOSING COMMISSION Sandra Polaski

One: Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel’s invitation,

Many: allowed light to be their guide.

One: And it is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth

Many: in surprising ways and places;

One: the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet;

Many: the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering;

One: It’s always been about the light with you, Jesus; and it’s always about the light for us.

Many: Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvellous light.

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 January 26th, we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life. To proclaim in word and deed the establishment of a beloved community in Metropolitan Richmond.

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.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker next week will be Tom Baynham! The Rev. Tom Baynham serves as the Hospitality & Welcome Pastor, and Acting Associate Pastoral Director at Richmond Hill Retreat Center in Richmond's historic Church Hill. Tom returns to his hometown of Richmond after serving as Senior Pastor at the Friedens United Church of Christ in St. Charles, Missouri. Prior to his time at Friedens UCC, Tom served Ginter Park as its Minister of Music. Tom has served various congregations in multiple denominations in Virginia, Indiana, New Hampshire, and St. Louis. Tom holds degrees and/or certificates from Bluefield University (BA); The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (MA); Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (M.Div.); Boston University School of Theology (STM); and Eden Theological Seminary (Certificate in Advanced Theological Studies). Tom is the proud father of Daniel (Taryn), and Lindsey Baynham Freeman (Matthew). However, he is the extremely proud grandfather to Teddy and Maxwell (Daniel and Taryn's children), and Bronwyn and Myles (Lindsey and Matthew's children).

Business Meeting

We will have a business meeting after worship on February 9th to vote on an amendment to the budget discussed on Jan 19th. Please plan to attend in person or via Zoom.

Chili Cook-off and Bingo

It's back! Chili Cook-off and Bingo night will be on Saturday, February 8th! Sign up on Realm to bring chili, sides, or desserts. And don't forget to bring a white elephant gift for bingo prizes!

Study Opportunities

- **Weeknight Study** topic will be introduced in February.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - will resume studying Acts in February, on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.

Backpack Update

We are in need of paper bags with handles for our weekly backpack food program. The business that was donating bags is no longer able to do so, and we are running low! Please continue to bring in your bags from your shopping trips, and if you are able please purchase extras. See Dixie Leathers or Connie Bak for more details.

Page Turner Book Club

Sunday February 16th at 4pm, location TBA! If you would like to host, touch base with Kelly Schmitt and/or Melissa Blazek! We are reading The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix!

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 of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledges to set all captives free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north:
all loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

The precepts
of the Lord...

... are
sweeter
than honey.

Psalm 19

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