

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany • February 2nd, 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

Anita Laffoon

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

Leader: Let us gather to listen deeply.

People: Word of God, speak.

Leader: Let us gather with childlike faith.

People: Ageless wisdom, reveal.

Leader: Word of God, speak.

People: Your servants are listening.

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 25

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

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. 452

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

HERE I AM, LORD

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

Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Love Never, Ever Fails”

Tom Baynham

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“‘Ubi Caritas’ with ‘Love Divine’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 60925

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

HENDON

CLOSING COMMISSION

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.

Our guest speaker today is 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).

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of February 2nd, we pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions. To earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city. To express compassion and care for our natural environment.

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.

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!

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.

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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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
granted in what God ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee.
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races,
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the Amen sound from God's people again.
Gladly for ever sing praises.

Here I Am, Lord

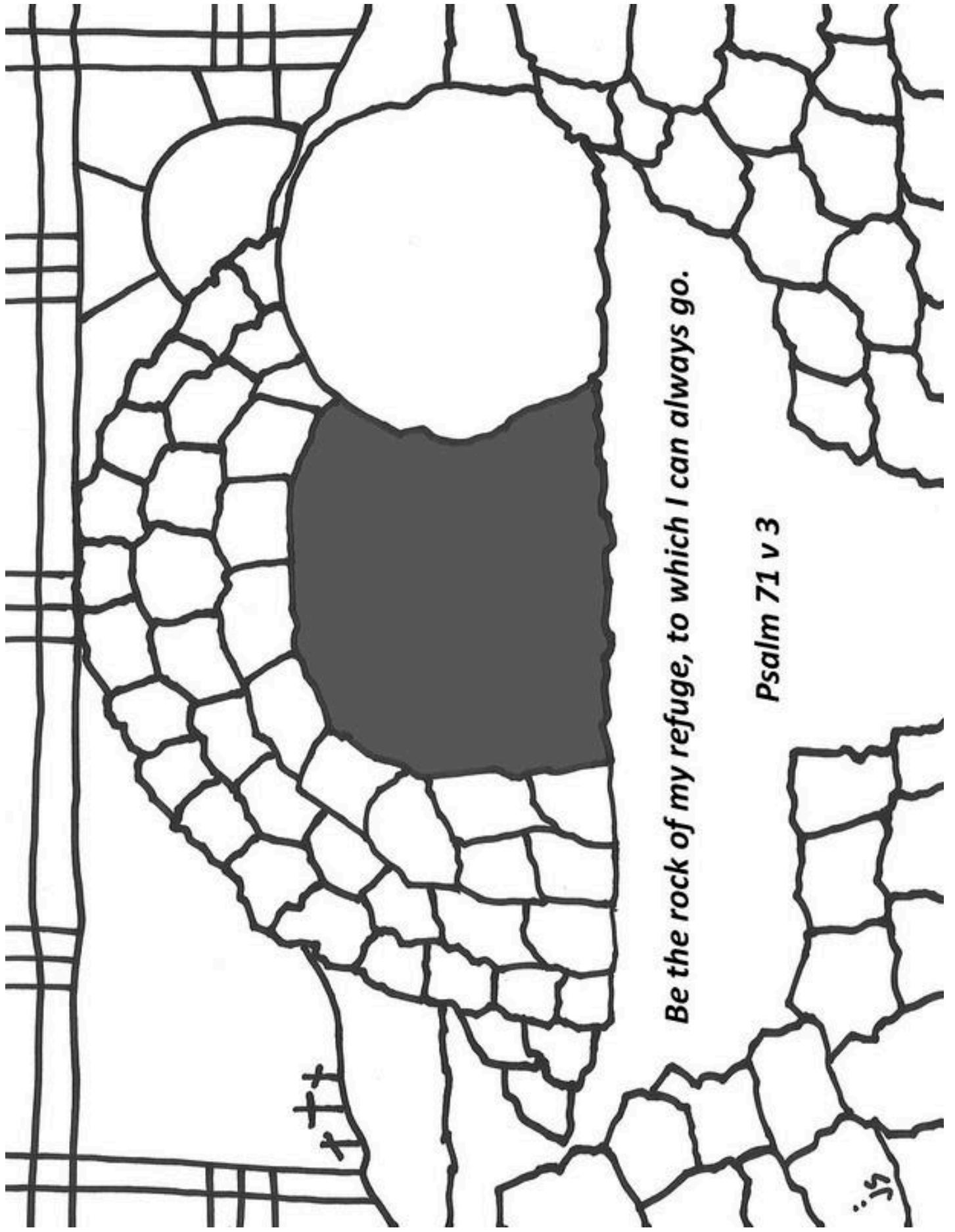
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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.



Be the rock of my refuge, to which I can always go.

Psalm 71 v 3

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