

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Transfiguration Sunday • March 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

Connie Bak

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

One: We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

**Many: Open our hearts to receive that hope.**

One: We are brought here today to share our joys and our fears.

**Many: Meet us here, in between the light and the darkness.**

One: Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

**Many: Praise be to God who continues to transform us. AMEN.**

## INVOCATION PRAYER

### HYMN No. 100

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

\*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

Connie Bak

\*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. 595

“Be Thou My Vision”

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## SCRIPTURE

[Luke 9:28-43a](#)

Anita Laffoon

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

**Many: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

“Somewhere in Between”

Anita Laffoon

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE**

“‘Holy Ground’ with ‘Somewhere in Between’”

Arr. Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN No. 420**

“I Come with Joy”

**DOVE OF PEACE**

**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.

### **Announcements**

#### **Metro Richmond at Prayer**

During the week of March 2, we pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Church to remain faithful to Christ above all, rejecting the entanglement of faith with political power, and embracing love, justice, and humility as true witnesses of God’s realm.

## **Pray for our Ministry Partners**

The Alliance of Baptists seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world and our solidarity with all creation. They welcome and affirm all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities and hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status. Their core values are to create a theological Home, pursuit of God's Justice, and partnership in Mission.

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Please plan to join in for a time of table fellowship this Tuesday (3/4) at 6 pm for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Buffet Dinner at SB's Love Shack located in Lakeside in the Hub Shopping Center (6935 Lakeside Avenue). We will be enjoying a breakfast buffet dinner with traditional and savory pancakes, along with bacon, sausage, and scrambled eggs. Coffee, tea (hot & iced), and sodas will be served as well and are included with the buffet. The church will be covering the cost of your dinner. If you like, you can make a love gift of \$10-\$15 (cash or check) at the dinner to help cover part of the cost of the meal and the use of the space. Alcoholic beverages are not included with the buffet and not covered by the church, but are available before and during dinner. Let Raymond know TODAY if you plan to join us!

## **Ash Wednesday**

This year's Ash Wednesday service will be a community service on March 5th at 7pm at First Mennonite Church. We will be worshipping with First Mennonite Church and Anointed New Life Baptist Church, with the Rev. Tara Mosby-Jones from Anointed New Life preaching. We hope you will join us as we mark the beginning of the season of Lent.

## **Shamrock the Block**

We've been accepted to be vendors at Shamrock the Block on March 15th! More information about exact times to set up and clean up will be available when we get a little closer to the date. But for now, if you'd like to help out in the tent you can sign up using the link on Realm. Volunteers helping in the tent can contact Sandra Polaski, who has graciously agreed to shuttle people to the event so no one has to fight for parking.

## **Page Turner Book Club**

The Page Turners Book Club will next meet on Sunday May 18, 2025. Location TBA. The book for discussion will be: *The Guilty One* by Kiersten Modglin.

## **Study Opportunities**

- **Weeknight Study** - In *Holy Envy*, Barbara Brown Taylor contemplates the myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques. If you would like to study *Holy Envy* with us, let Anita know by March 16th.
- **Sunday Morning Small Group** - is reading *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You* at 9am on Sunday mornings. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursday 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. 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.

## **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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### **When Morning Gilds the Skies**

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!

Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **I Come with Joy**

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world, the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.



He was transfigured  
before them.