



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

**December 23, 2018**

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

*- John 3:16-17*

## God gathers us together for worship

### Worship in Song

*"Arise My Soul, Arise"*

Words: Charles Wesley;  
Music: Kevin Twit  
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### Call to Worship

Leader: *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,  
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved,  
and Israel will dwell securely.  
And this is the name by which he will be called:  
'The LORD is our righteousness.'"*

*Jeremiah 23:5-6*

A prophecy in which the LORD promises that a king from David's lineage would redeem the people of God.

### Worship in Song

*"Holy Spirit"*

Words and music:  
Katie and Bryan Torwalt  
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This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

## Confession and Assurance

Lord Jesus, we confess that we are willing to be loved, but reluctant to love;  
Ready to accept Your forgiving love, but refuse to forgive;  
Eager to call ourselves Your disciples, but resistant to follow You in all circumstances.

By Your mercy, forgive our sins.  
Come to us anew and help us receive You with joy, like the shepherds;  
Worship You with devotion, like the magi;  
Obey You with faith, like Mary.

Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

- silent confession -

*Isaiah 53:12b*

*He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*

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Music: Philip P. Bliss  
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## Worship in Song

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Having been reconciled with God through Christ, we can share peace with one another and participate in His work.

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Update and prayer: Winter Wednesdays

## Scripture Reading

*Luke 2:1-20*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Words: Unknown author (7th cent);  
additions by Alex Mejias | Music:  
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## Offering, Worship in Song

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**People: Praise be to God!**

*John 1:1-5, 9-13*

*Isaiah 40:8*

Today's sermon is given  
by Director of Community  
Engagement Nii Aryee.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

Gluten and nut-free wafers can be found in the wooden boxes.

At the front right of the room stands a person ready to pray with and for you.

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## The Lord's Supper

*The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## Worship in Song

"Great Are You Lord"

"Victory In Jesus"

## Benediction

### About

Northside Church of Richmond is a church of the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)), planted in Oct 2011.

### Worship Service

Held every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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