



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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The church is not a theological classroom. It is a conversion, confession, repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness, and sanctification centre, where flawed people place their trust in Christ, gather to know and love him better, and learn to love others as he has designed. The church is messy and inefficient, but it is God's wonderful mess—the place where he radically transforms hearts and lives.

— Paul David Tripp, *Instruments In the Redeemer's Hands*

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Words and music:
Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin
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Call to Worship

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,*

Psalms 103:1-5, 13-14, 19

People: ***who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.***

Leader: *As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*

People: ***The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.***

Worship in Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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John Rippon | Music: Oliver Holden
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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

Holy God, we are guilty - of rejecting Your commands, of doubting Your promises, of proud self-reliance, of neglect to rest in You.

Daily we fail to love You and our neighbor as we ought.

Praise You for providing the Savior in Jesus, who takes our sin and gives us His righteousness!

Lord, continue the work of salvation in us:

Conquer our weakness with Your strength, blot out our selfishness with Your glory.

Meet us in our suffering and disappointments, refine us as You see fit.

Keep us from returning to sin's bondage, brighten our hearts with Your grace.

Redirect our desires so that we delight deeply in You. Amen.

- silent confession -

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

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Mike Guglielmucci
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Worship in Song

"Healer"

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

Membership vows: Gabi Robinson

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:29-30

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

"Let Me Find Thee"

Words: Joachim Neander;
Music: Matthew S. Smith;
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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

Acts 8:1-25

And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. 3 But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

4 Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. 6 And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was much joy in that city.

9 But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. 10 They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." 11 And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! 21 You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." 24 And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

25 Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

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

Isaiah 40:8

People: Praise be to God!

Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish.

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

"He Knows My Name"

"Victory In Jesus"

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in October 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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