



northside church

OF RICHMOND

December 29, 2019

Prayer is a privilege. It is not a burdensome duty. It is a wonderful privilege. Even though Scripture commands us to pray, we should not view prayer as something we have to do. We should view it as something we get to do.

- H.B. Charles Jr., *It Happens After Prayer*

God gathers us together for worship

Call to Worship

Leader: *Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.*

People: ***From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.***

Leader: *Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!*

Psalms 72:1, 11-14, 19

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Worship in Song

“Arise, Oh God”

Words and music: Dr. R. A. Vernon &
“The Word” Church Praise Team

“Clap Your Hands”

Words and music:
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“The Greatness of You”

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

Prayer for God’s work in our church in 2020

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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Offering & Worship in Song

“Joy to the World”

This is the 5th Sunday of the month, so there is no separate Children’s Worship time.
There are coloring sheets/activities on the resource table for your little ones.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Luke 18:1-8

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 Rev. Don Coleman, pastor of East End Fellowship, a local, multi-cultural congregation in Church Hill.

Altar Ministry of Prayer and Communion

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

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

Prayer is taking place up front. If you have spiritual questions, if you're are looking for a church to join, if you prayed the prayer of belief earlier, or if you have some other need in your life to bring to God, please come up front to receive prayer from those wearing Prayer Team badges.

Communion is taking place in the back. All who have repented of their sins, put their faith in Jesus as Savior, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church are invited to participate. Please come back through the center aisle to any of the 3 communion stations and take a cup and a piece of bread. Gluten and nut-free wafers are in the wooden boxes. Please indicate whether you want juice or wine. An elder will speak words of encouragement and then everyone at the station will partake together. Children with you who are not yet taking communion will be prayed for during this time.

Worship in Song

"Oh the Blood of Jesus"

"O Mighty Ones"

Benediction

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About Us

Northside Church of Richmond was planted in October 2011, within the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

Public worship held on Sundays at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors always welcome!

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