



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

**December 16, 2018**

This isn't "Let go and let God." It's "Let go, run hard toward your Savior, and learn to trust God."

— Trillia J. Newbell, *Fear and Faith:  
Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves*

## God gathers us together for worship

### Worship in Song

"Oh Give Thanks"

Words and music: Dr. Judith Christie  
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### Call to Worship

Leader: *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.  
And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.*

People: ***And they shall dwell secure,  
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.  
And he shall be their peace.***

*Micah 5:2, 4-5a*

Through the prophet Micah,  
God says that a mighty ruler  
will come from Bethlehem  
to shepherd His people into  
lasting rest and peace.

### Worship in Song

"Clap Your Hands"

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

This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

## Confession and Assurance

Merciful Father, we come to you at Advent with the brokenness of the world in our eyes, the cries of injustice, loneliness, and sadness in our ears, and the failures and confusion of sin in our hearts.

O promised Christ: We are a world at war; our peace depends on Your coming. We are an unfulfilled, longing people; our hope depends upon Your coming. We are a sinful people; our pardon depends on Your coming.

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh, forgive our sins, comfort our hearts, and lift our eyes to look for Your glorious return with hope and joy. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

- silent confession -

Matthew 1:20b-21

*Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

Words: Charles Wesley  
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## Worship in Song

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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 and baptism: Stella Bott

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering, Worship in Song

"We Are Not Overcome"

Words and music:  
Isaac Wardell, Robert Heiskell

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

*Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.*

*6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

Acts 16:1-10

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Associate Pastor Joel Passmore.

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

"You Are My Strength"

"How Great Thou Art"

## 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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