



northside church

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It is often in the land of our affliction that the Lord makes us fruitful, in ourselves and in the lives of others around us. We typically want God to make us into fine decorative china plates, which sit comfortably in a glass cabinet being admired by everyone. Instead, God makes us into serviceable water pitchers that get chipped and scratched and dented through repeated use. That is how our sufferings produce endurance, character, and hope in us (Rom. 5:3–5). It is also how he makes us useful to others around us, who have their own sufferings and difficulties to endure.

- Iain Duguid

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Before I Knew"

Words and music: Kirk Ward
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Call to Worship

Leader: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

Psalm 145:3-7

People: *One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

Leader: *On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

People: *They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

Worship in Song

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Words: Reginald Heber;
Music: John B. Dykes
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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

You are the Giver of Live, giving freedom to all who come;

We walk in chains, though we are free in you.

We are hesitant to come to Your table and try to provide for ourselves.

You said You came not to call the righteous, but sinners;
we often deny our sin and ignore its impact.

Lord, we will never outgrow our dependence on You.

Forgive us for our pride, our unbelief, our slowness to listen to You.

Have mercy upon us, restore us, grant us Your peace.

By Your Spirit, lead us in living as Your sons and daughters. Amen.

- silent confession -

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

Titus 3:4-5

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Worship in Song

“Your Mercy”

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: Potluck, Prayer, and Praise - June 17, July 15, and August 19

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

“Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”

Words: Louisa Stead;
Music: William Kirkpatrick
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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

37 This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you." 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. 43 And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. 44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

46 Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. 47 During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, 48 and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. 49 And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

50 Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him. 51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." 52 The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

53 The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, 54 and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do."

56 So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. 57 Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Genesis 41:37-57

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Rev. Andy Wood, campus minister at Reformed University Fellowship at Virginia Tech.

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

"No Sweeter Name"

"Every Praise"

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a church of the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (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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