



northside church

O F R I C H M O N D

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Christianity means change is possible. Deep, fundamental change. It is possible to become tenderhearted when once you were callous and insensitive. It is possible to stop being dominated by bitterness and anger.

It is possible to become a loving person no matter what your background has been.

Don't be a fatalist. Be a Christian. Change is possible. God is alive. Christ is risen. The promises are true.

- John Piper

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: *The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.*

Psalm 145:14-19

People: *The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.*

Leader: *You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

People: *The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.*

Leader: *The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

People: *He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.*

Worship in Song

"All Who Call"

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

2 Corinthians 5:21

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

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Music: Matthew S. Smith;
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Confession and Assurance

Lord, how quickly we forget Your promises to us!

We doubt Your provision, so we chase after possessions and social status.

We deny Your love, so we withdraw into ourselves and into sin.

We distrust Your authority, so we run our lives as we see fit.

Forgive us our sin, gracious Father!

Strengthen our faith and help us be grateful for what You provide.

Convince us that sin never satisfies.

Lead us in loving our neighbors and bearing fruit by Your Spirit.

In the name of Jesus our Savior, the victorious One. Amen.

- silent confession -

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Worship in Song

“Rock of Ages”

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and prayer: New pastoral interns Avery Torres and Isaiah Thomas

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:4-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

“Let Me Find Thee”

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

Genesis 44

Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack, 2 and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. 4 They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good? 5 Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.'"

6 When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. 7 They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! 8 Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? 9 Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord's servants." 10 He said, "Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent." 11 Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. 12 And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13 Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

14 When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground. 15 Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?" 16 And Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found." 17 But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father."

18 Then Judah went up to him and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father, or a brother?' 20 And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' 21 Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.' 22 We said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' 23 Then you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.'

24 "When we went back to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25 And when our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food,' 26 we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother goes with us, then we will go down. For we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' 27 Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons. 28 One left me, and I said, "Surely he has been torn to pieces," and I have never seen him since. 29 If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.'

30 "Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life, 31 as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. 32 For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.' 33 Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. 34 For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father."

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

People: Praise be to God!

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

"God Who Saves"

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

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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