



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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In life, when you can't see tomorrow because of the trials and afflictions are you faithful to God? A famine came upon the land that affected the patriarchs and it seems there was no tomorrow. One step from annihilation/destruction leads to God's glory being revealed.

## God gathers us together for worship

### Worship in Song

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Words and music:  
Matt and Beth Redman  
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### Call to Worship

Leader: *The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.*

People: ***Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.  
Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.***

Leader: *The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,  
mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the LORD on high is mighty!*

People: ***Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.***

*Psalm 93*

### Worship in Song

"You Reign"

Words and music:  
William Murphy, Miah White  
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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

Lord and Father, we confess that sin impacts every part of us:

Our mouths are boastful, our minds are self-focused,  
our eyes covet, our ears seek out flattery,  
our hands serve mainly ourselves, our feet walk away from Your call.  
And it all comes from a heart that doubts Your love and provision.

What hope do we have? Who can deliver us from bondage to sin?

Only Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is ours through faith.

Forgive our sin and renew us, for Your glory!

By Your Spirit, purify our thoughts, words, and actions. Amen.

- silent confession -

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

*Zephaniah 3:17*

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## Worship in Song

"It Is Well With My Soul"

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: Summer programs

## Scripture Reading

*Acts 7:9-12*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering, Worship in Song

"I'll Just Say Yes"

Words and music: Brian Courtney  
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# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

Genesis 42

*When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" 2 And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die." 3 So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. 5 Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.*

*6 Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. 7 Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." 8 And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. 9 And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." 10 They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. 11 We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."*

*12 He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see." 13 And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more." 14 But Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you. You are spies. 15 By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. 16 Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." 17 And he put them all together in custody for three days.*

*18 On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: 19 if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, 20 and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so. 21 Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us." 22 And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." 23 They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. 24 Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. 25 And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them.*

*26 Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed. 27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money in the mouth of his sack. 28 He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!" At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"*

*29 When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, 30 "The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us and took us to be spies of the land. 31 But we said to him, 'We are honest men; we have never been spies. 32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.' 33 Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. 34 Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you are not spies but honest men, and I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land.'"*

*35 As they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. 36 And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me." 37 Then Reuben said to his father, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you." 38 But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."*

**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  
Doc Murdoc, ruling elder  
at New City Fellowship in  
Fredericksburg, VA.

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 the Living Word"

"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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