



northside church

O F R I C H M O N D

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To us, God's (sovereign) order looks like disorder, and his wisdom looks like foolishness. God's lovingkindness often seems to be anything but loving, and definitely not kind. All of this has to do with one humbling thing that we all have to admit: as sinners, we want our own way. It is hard to rest in the rulership of the King when our hearts and minds are so preoccupied with the success of our own little kingdoms.

- Paul David Tripp, *Lost in the Middle*

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Everlasting God"

Words and music:
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Call to Worship

Leader: *I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.*

Psalm 69:30-34

People: *When the humble see it they will be glad;
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.*

Leader: *For the LORD hears the needy
and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.*

People: *Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and everything that moves in them.*

Worship in Song

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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Music: Peter von Brachel
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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

When we are honest in Your presence, Father, we see our sin:

We lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood,
ignore, hoard, steal, and deny,
and then make excuses to minimize our responsibility.

God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character.

Keep us from treating Your patience as permissiveness.

Help us to bear fruit in keeping with repentance,
through the power of Your Spirit.

And all of our days, may we cling to the cross of Christ.

In His name, amen.

- silent confession -

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Isaiah 53:6

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Music: Ashael Nettleton
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Worship in Song

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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 2:22-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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Offering, Worship in Song

“Heal Us, Emmanuel”

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

4 So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' 12 And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

16 When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, 18 and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.' 19 And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

21 The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. 22 To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. 23 To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. 24 Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

25 So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. 26 And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. 27 But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. 28 And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

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

People: Praise be to God!

Genesis 45

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by
Rev. Stan Morton, founding
pastor of New City Fellowship
of Lancaster, PA.

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"

"Victory In Jesus"

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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