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A missionary is someone who goes out for the sake of the name

Private material gain must not be the motive. Even genuine humanitarian concern, though crucial, must not be the driving motive. Rather, a missionary is propelled by a deep love for the name and glory of Christ.

-Tom Steller

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"I Will Bless the Lord At All Times"

Call to Worship

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Worship in Song

"Our God"

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Psalm 34:1-5

Words and music: C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, J. Myrin, M. Redman © 2010 Atlas Mountain Songs, etc. This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

Confession and Assurance

Father, hear our confession.

We have chosen to live out of our strength for too long.

We have fallen victim to our ambitious culture and left You out of our lives.

We have ignored Your commands and have not rested in You.

Oh Lord, forgive us!

Transform our lives into Your new creation.

Change our hearts to be like Yours.

Renew our minds to align with Your Kingdom's culture.

In Jesus' name, amen.

- silent confession -

Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Worship in Song

"Rock of Ages"

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: Church retreat

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Offering, Worship in Song

"Draw Me Close"

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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

1 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. 3 For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers[a] came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

5 Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, 6 who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. 7 For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. 8 Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

9 I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. 10 So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

11 Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. 12 Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

13 I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. 14 I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

15 Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

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 David Mathis, Executive Editor of desiringgod.org and author of Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines.

Genesis 37

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"

"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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