



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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There is profound encouragement in knowing that our God is faithful to his own. His faithfulness to us is the fruit of his allegiance to himself. Here is where hope in the most challenging circumstances finds fertile soil to flourish. When I am afraid, I put my trust in you who is deeply and rightly committed to the glory of your faithful name.

- Rev. Lewis Guest, IV, "Will He Fail Me Now?"

## God gathers us together for worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.  
The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?*

**People:** ***It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.  
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.***

Leader: *The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*

*Psalm 118:1, 4-6, 8-9, 14*

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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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## Worship in Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

“No Sweeter Name”

“Who You Say I Am”

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Update and prayer: Children’s Ministry

## Scripture Reading

*Romans 8:31-39*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering & Worship in Song

“Joy”

Today in Children’s Worship, children 4 years old through 2nd grade will learn from the Jesus Storybook Bible: Moses and the Great Escape from Egypt (Exodus 3-13).

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

1 "Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you."

Acts 22:1-21

2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said:

3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, 5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

6 "As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 8 And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.' 9 Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10 And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.' 11 And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

12 "And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13 came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. 14 And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; 15 for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

17 "When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance 18 and saw him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.' 19 And I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. 20 And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.' 21 And he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"

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 Associate Pastor Joel  
Passmore.

## Altar Ministry of Prayer and Communion

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Prayer is taking place up front. If you have spiritual questions, if you're are looking for a church to join, if you prayed the prayer of belief earlier, or if you have some other need in your life to bring to God, please come up front to receive prayer from those wearing Prayer Team badges.

Communion is taking place in the back. All who have repented of their sins, put their faith in Jesus as Savior, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church are invited to participate. Please come back through the center aisle to any of the 3 communion stations and take a cup and a piece of bread. Gluten and nut-free wafers are in the wooden boxes. Please indicate whether you want juice or wine. An elder will speak words of encouragement and then everyone at the station will partake together. Children with you who are not yet taking communion will be prayed for during this time.

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## Worship in Song

"It Is Well With My Soul"

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"You Reign"

## Benediction

### About Us

Northside Church of Richmond was planted in October 2011, within the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)).

Public worship held on Sundays at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors always welcome!

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