



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

***December 1, 2019***

Holiness, as taught in the Scriptures, is not based upon knowledge on our part. Rather, it is based upon the resurrected Christ in-dwelling us and changing us into His likeness.  
— A.W. Tozer

## God gathers us together for worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

**People:** *And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.*

Leader: *And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.  
And he shall be their peace.*

*Micah 5:2, 4-5a*

Through the prophet Micah, God says that a mighty ruler will come from Bethlehem to shepherd His people into lasting rest and peace.

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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

“Our God”

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

“The Anthem”

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Update and prayer: December giving goal

## Scripture Reading

*Ezekiel 36:22-32*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering & Worship in Song

“Let Praises Rise”

Today in Children’s Worship, children 4 years old through 2nd grade will learn from the Jesus Storybook Bible: The Song of Creation (Genesis 1-2).

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

*And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.*

*8 And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. 9 But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. 10 This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.*

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

Acts 19:1-10

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by  
Pastoral Resident Charles  
Lewis.

## 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.

## Worship in Song

"You Are My Strength"

"How Great Thou Art"

## Benediction

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## 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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