



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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The function of freedom is to free someone else.  
- Toni Morrison

## God gathers us together for worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: *Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the LORD; exult before him!*

**People: *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.***

Leader: *God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.  
Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.*

*Psalm 68:4-6, 19*

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Having been reconciled with  
God through Christ, we can  
share peace with one another  
and participate in His work.

## Worship in Song

“I Will Lift Up Your Name”

“Every Praise”

“The Greatness of You”

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Update and prayer: New engagement team called Just Beginnings:  
Birthing Justice, Supporting Mothers, & Nurturing Families

## Scripture Reading

*Romans 11:25-36*

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: Moses and the Red Sea (Exodus 14-15).

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# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

22 Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." 23 And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, 24 the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. 25 But when they had stretched him out for the whips,[a] Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?" 26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen." 27 So the tribune came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." 28 The tribune answered, "I bought this citizenship for a large sum." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth." 29 So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

Acts 22:22-29

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  
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.

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## Worship in Song

"Draw Me Close"/ "Draw Me Nearer"

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"Oh Give Thanks"

## 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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