



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

**February 9, 2020**

The law is like an MRI scan that reveals our cancer but provides no cure.  
- Geoff Ashley

## God gathers us together for worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

**People: *For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.***

Leader: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

*Psalm 95:1-3, 6*

Words and music:  
Frederick Whitfield  
Public domain

Words and music: Dr. Judith Christie  
McAllister and Keith O'Neal  
©2001 Judah Music

Words and music:  
Anthony Brown, Pat Barrett  
© 2016 Motown Gospel

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

Words and music: J. Sherman,  
S. Musso, L. Taylor | © 2018 Tent Peg  
Music, The Emerging Sound

## Worship in Song

“Oh How I Love Jesus”

“Oh Give Thanks”

“Joy”

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Missions Update and Prayer

## Scripture Reading

*1 Corinthians 9:19-23*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering & Worship in Song

“Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)”

Today in Children’s Worship, children 4 years old through 2nd grade will learn from the Jesus Storybook Bible: The Story of Jacob, Rachel, and Leah (Genesis 29-30).

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

17 When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. 18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, 21 and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. 22 What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. 23 Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; 24 take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. 25 But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality." 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

Acts 21:17-26

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  
Senior Pastor Matt Lorish.

## 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"

"I Will Bless the Lord at All Times"

Words and music: Reuben Morgan  
© 2007 Hillsong Music Publishing

Words and music: Joe Pace  
© 2001 Integrity's Praise! Music |  
Pace's Vision Music | Zomba Songs

## 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!

### Contact and Social Media

P.O. Box 26175 / Richmond, VA 23260

[www.northsidechurchva.org](http://www.northsidechurchva.org) / 804.516.3322

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NorthsideChurchRVA](http://www.facebook.com/NorthsideChurchRVA)

Instagram: @northsidechurchRVA

Twitter: @NSChurchRVA

### Staff

Matt Lorish - Senior Pastor  
[matt@northsidechurchva.org](mailto:matt@northsidechurchva.org)

Joel Passmore - Associate Pastor, Worship Director  
[joel@northsidechurchva.org](mailto:joel@northsidechurchva.org)

Charles Lewis - Pastoral Resident  
[charles@northsidechurchva.org](mailto:charles@northsidechurchva.org)

Kelsi Drake - Director of Operations  
[kelsi@northsidechurchva.org](mailto:kelsi@northsidechurchva.org)

Lexy George - Children's Ministry Coordinator  
[lexy@northsidechurchva.org](mailto:lexy@northsidechurchva.org)

Rufus Johnson - Worship Leader, Vocal Coach  
[iamrufusjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:iamrufusjohnson@gmail.com)

Corinne Tucker - Engagement Team Coordinator  
[corinne@northsidechurchva.org](mailto:corinne@northsidechurchva.org)