



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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When we pray for those in prison for their faith, we remember that the gospel came to us in letters written from jail. When we plead for those whose churches are burned in Egypt, we remember that our hope isn't in building religious empires but in a New Jerusalem we've never seen. When we weep for those who are (sometimes literally) crucified in the Middle East, we are reminded that our Lord isn't a life coach or a guru but a crucified Messiah. That can remind us of the gospel we signed up for in the first place, and free us from our fat, affluent, almost-gospels, which could never save in the first place. And we can be reminded that the persecuted Christians for whom we pray and advocate very well may be those who will send missionaries to carry the gospel to a future post-Christian Europe or North America. - Russell Moore, *Onward: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel*

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Jesus Everlasting King"

Words: Isaac Watts, alt. Matthew Smith | Music: Matthew Smith
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Call to Worship

Leader: *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

People: *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

Leader: *The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.*

People: *The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

Leader: *The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*

People: *May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!*

Worship in Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Words: Edward Perronet,
John Rippon | Music: Oliver Holden
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This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

Confession and Assurance

God and Father, You have called us to be Your people and one family in Christ; yet we have not lived as one and have not loved You fully. For the sake of comfort, we have declined to love and serve our neighbors. In foolish self-reliance, we often boast in our own work and deny our dependence on You.

O Lord, forgive our sins through the atoning work of Christ. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and remind us often of Your love and faithfulness. By Your Spirit, continue to unite us as a community that does justly, loves mercy, and walks humbly with You. All for the glory of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

- silent confession -

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28

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Mike Guglielmucci
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Worship in Song

"Healer"

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

Membership Vows: Isaiah Thomas

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:36-56

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

"Awesome"

Words and music: Charles Jenkins
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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. 2 He killed James the brother of John with the sword, 3 and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. 4 And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. 5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

6 Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. 7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. 8 And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." 9 And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. 11 When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

12 When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. 15 They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" 16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. 17 But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

18 Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. 19 And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Acts 12:1-19

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by
Senior Pastor Matt Lorish.

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 My Strength"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

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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