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Because you have the gift of grace from Christ, you are a gift to the body. Seen this way, ministry is a natural and delightful duty. In a church that recognizes that every member is given grace from Christ, every member will be prized, every ministry will be appreciated, every differing experience of the grace of Christ will be treasured. Such an environment will communicate "we need you!"

- R. Paul Stevens, Liberating the Laity

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Call to Worship

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Worship in Song

"Arise My Soul, Arise"

Words and music: Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin © 2011 Thankyou Music

Psalm 84:1-4, 10

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Kevin Twit ©1996 Kevin Twit Music This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

Confession and Assurance

Lord and Father, every faculty we have betrays our sin:

Our mouths boast and speak ill of others; our minds are self-obsessed and confused.

Our eyes find things to covet; our ears seek compliments rather than the needs of others.

Our hands serve ourselves and grab for more; our feet dig in against Your calling.

All this comes from hearts that doubt Your love and seek their own glory.

What hope do we have? Who can deliver us from captivity?

Only Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is ours through faith.

Forgive our sin and renew us, for Jesus' sake and for Your glory.

Through the Holy Spirit, make us more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen.

Titus 3:4-5

- silent confession -

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

Worship in Song

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Words and music: Stuart Townend © 1995 Thankyou Music

Passing of the Peace

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

Community Life

Update and prayer: Finance Team

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Offering, Worship in Song

"Draw Me Close"

Words and music: Kelly Carpenter ©1994 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 1:14-18

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

People: Praise be to God!

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Remargo Yancie, Associate Pastor at Grace Meridian Hill in Washington, D.C..

We encourage you to use this space to take notes or write questions.

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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Words and music: Byron Cage © 2015 Nory B

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 the Living Word"

"Like No Other"

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (www. pcanet.org), planted in October 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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