



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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When I think of death, and of late the idea has come with alarming frequency, I seem at peace with the idea that a day will dawn when I will no longer be among those living in this valley of strange humors. I can accept the idea of my own demise, but I am unable to accept the death of anyone else. I find it impossible to let a friend or relative go into that country of no return. Disbelief becomes my close companion, and anger follows in its wake. I answer the heroic question 'Death, where is thy sting?' with 'it is here in my heart and mind and memories.'

- Maya Angelou, "When I think of Death"

## God gathers us together for worship

### Worship in Song

"Arise Oh God"

Words and music: Paul S. Morton  
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### Call to Worship

Leader: *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.*

*Psalm 89:1, 5, 9, 13-17*

People: ***Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!***

Leader: *You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.  
You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.*

People: ***Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.***

Leader: *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light  
of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.*

People: ***For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.***

### Worship in Song

"Our God"

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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

Most holy and merciful God, we confess before You our own sinfulness:

We have hungered after food that does not satisfy;

We have sought a life of constant pleasure;

We have shown indifference to the needs of our neighbors;

We have closed our ears to Your voice and Your Word.

Gracious Lord, forgive us!

We trust in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, our Savior.

Continue Your work of salvation in us.

Teach us to follow You faithfully and delight in You more than anything else.

Amen.

- silent confession -

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

*Romans 8:1-2*

Words: Horatio G. Spafford;  
Music: Philip P. Bliss  
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## Worship in Song

"It Is Well With My Soul"

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

Update and prayer: Women's retreat, September 21-22

## Scripture Reading

*John 11:32-43*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering, Worship in Song

"Fights For Me"

Music and words: Jeremiah Hurst,  
Orlando Palmer  
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# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

*Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. 2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.*

*4 And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 'My father made me swear, saying, "I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me." Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return.'" 6 And Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear." 7 So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. 10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days. 11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. 12 Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, 13 for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. 14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.*

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

Genesis 50:1-14

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by  
Rev. Marty Cates, Assistant  
Pastor, Youth and Family  
Ministries at Sycamore  
Presbyterian in Chesterfield.

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.

Words and music:

Katie and Bryan Torwalt

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Words and music: Hezekiah Walker,

John David Bratton

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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

"Holy Spirit"

"Every Praise"

## Benediction

### About

Northside Church of Richmond is a church of the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://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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