



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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There are two fundamental reasons why you should pray. First of all, you should pray because the word of God commands it. Secondly, you should pray because it works! God is willing to hear and able to answer prayer. Prayer is the means God has chosen to provide for his adopted children in Christ.

- Pastor H.B. Charles

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

Words and music:
Traditional English carol
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Call to Worship

Leader: *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,*

People: *as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;*

Leader: *to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,*

People: *the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."*

Luke 1:68-75

This is part of Zechariah the priest's prophecy, spoken after his son, John the Baptist, was born. In it he declares that God's promises of salvation and redemption were coming true in the birth of Jesus.

Worship in Song

"Our God"

Words and music: C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, J. Myrin, M. Redman
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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

Generous God, You sent us the Spirit of courage, but we act out of fear.
You sent us the Spirit of truth, but we often trust lies instead.
You sent us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Now our hearts are suspicious, our minds are confused, and our faith is timid.

Hear our confession, and come near to us with mercy.
We hold out to You all our particular burdens of guilt and sin.
Help us rest in Your forgiveness, and rejoice in Your power to change sinners.
Teach us to love You with our whole being, and to walk in Your ways. Amen.

- silent confession -

Isaiah 53:6

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

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Music: Philip P. Bliss
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Worship in Song

“Mighty To Save”

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: Brandon Stroble

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:7-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Words and music:
Traditional Polish carol
Arrangement: Alex Mejias
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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Luke 18:1-8

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
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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Praise! Music, Vertical Worship Songs

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"

"Friend of God"

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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