



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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The way we approach suffering usually is determined by our basic attitude toward the struggles of this life. Many of us believe that God's commitment is to help us avoid or triumph over adversity—we are “more than conquerors.” And we are. But that biblical belief can be cheapened to presume there is a way to completely eradicate our pain if we just find the right combination of prayer and action.

— Dan Allender, *The Healing Path*

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

“Oh Give Thanks”

Words and music: Judith McAllister

Call to Worship

Leader: *The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!*

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

People: *Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*

Leader: *The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.*

People: *The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.*

Leader: *Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.*

People: *Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!*

Worship in Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Words: Reginald Heber;
Music: John B. Dykes
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This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

1 Peter 3:18a

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

Words and music:
Isaac Wardell, Robert Heiskell

Confession and Assurance

Merciful Father, we confess that we often wander from You:
We try to live by our own rules rather than obey Your word.
We try to find rest in sin instead of in Your presence.
All the while, we refuse to listen to Your Spirit.

Just as You promise, have mercy and restore those who confess their faults:
Refresh us through humility and submission to Your will.
Remind us that life and health are only found in You.
Give us grace and strength to follow where Your Spirit leads.

In the name of Jesus our Savior, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

- silent confession -

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God.*

Worship in Song

“Search Me”

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and prayer: Spring programs; particularization service on March 4

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

“We Are Not Overcome”

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

54 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:54-60

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.

Words and music:
Brooke Ligertwood
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Music: Christopher Miner
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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

"Hosanna"

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

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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