



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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How do you know you are saved? The typical answer to that question consists of a list of things one has or has not done. But to make a list of things done is to walk in a false assurance of salvation. No human virtue, performance, or accomplishment can save. You contributed absolutely nothing to your physical birth into the world. And you contribute nothing to your spiritual birth into the kingdom of God. Salvation is not your own doing.

- Rev. Dr. H.B. Charles Jr., "Only God Saves"

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Words: Edward Perronet,
John Rippon | Music: Oliver Holden
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Call to Worship

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

Psalms 67

People: ***Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.***

Leader: *God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

Worship in Song

"Jesus Everlasting King"

Words: Isaac Watts, alt. Matthew
Smith | Music: Matthew Smith
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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

Gracious Lord, we have strayed from You like lost sheep.

We lose hope because we think You are weak.

We hoard what You give us, doubting that You will provide.

We consider ourselves better than others and trivialize Your grace.

Please forgive us and brighten our hearts.

Renew our faith and help us to walk in Your might.

Remind us of Your Fatherly provision of every good gift.

Amaze us with Your grace and mercy to undeserving sinners.

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- silent confession -

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10

Worship in Song

"Awesome"

Words and music: Charles Jenkins
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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: Haley Spears

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 2

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

"Come Holy Spirit, Come"

Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Hiram Ring
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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

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

Isaiah 40:8

People: Praise be to God!

23 *And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.* Acts 14:23-15:21

24 *Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, 26 and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they remained no little time with the disciples.*

15 *But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. 3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. 4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. 5 But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."*

6 *The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."*

12 *And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. 13 After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,*

16 *"After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, 17 that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things 18 known from of old."*

19 *Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, 20 but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. 21 For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."*

Today's sermon is given by Associate Pastor Joel Passmore.

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

"The Anthem"

"Arise Oh God"

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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