

northside church

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If there ever was a fool's errand, it was the errand that people chase when they think they can come up with a better gospel.
- R.C. Sproul

God gathers us together for worship

Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet Isaiah tells of a coming King who will rule his people forever in justice and peace.

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

Worship in Song

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"No Sweeter Name"

"Who You Say I Am"

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and prayer: Winter Wednesdays

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-3

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

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Offering & Worship in Song

"Emmanuel"

Today in Children's Worship, children 4 years old through 2nd grade will learn from the The Big Picture Story Bible: Preparing for Jesus, Luke 2:1-5.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

11 And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." 14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. 15 But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" 16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

18 Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. 19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

Today's sermon is given by Senior Pastor Matt Lorish.

Altar Ministry of Prayer and Communion

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer is taking place up front. If you have spiritual questions, if you're are looking for a church to join, if you prayed the prayer of belief earlier, or if you have some other need in your life to bring to God, please come up front to receive prayer from those wearing Prayer Team badges.

Communion is taking place in the back. All who have repented of their sins, put their faith in Jesus as Savior, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church are invited to participate. Please come back through the center aisle to any of the 3 communion stations and take a cup and a piece of bread. Gluten and nut-free wafers are in the wooden boxes. Please indicate whether you want juice or wine. An elder will speak words of encouragement and then everyone at the station will partake together. Children with you who are not yet taking communion will be prayed for during this time.

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Worship in Song

"It Is Well With My Soul"

"Joy"

Benediction

About Us

Northside Church of Richmond was planted in October 2011, within the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

Public worship held on Sundays at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors always welcome!

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