

January 21, 2018

The reason the apostles preached the message of Jesus Christ was not for individual conversion alone. The apostles did not preach so that there simply would be a new me, but so that there would be a new we.

— Thabiti M. Anyabwile, The Life of God in the Soul of the Church: The Root and Fruit of Spiritual Fellowship

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Everlasting God"

Words and music: Brenton Brown, Ken Riley © 2005 Thankyou Music

Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Worship in Song

"All Who Call"

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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 that which does not satisfy, and have compromised with evil; We have doubted Your power to protect us, and have sought comfort in idolatry; We have been obsessed with creating a life of constant pleasure; We have been indifferent to our neighbors, and have gained from unjust systems; We have neglected Your wise and gracious Law.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us for our weak faith! Restore in us such trust and love that we walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. Amen.

- silent confession -

John 1:29

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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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

Membership vows: Paula Fleshman

Scripture Reading

Galatians 2:11-14

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

Offering, Worship in Song

"Draw Me Close"

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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Isaiah 40:8

Acts 6:1-7

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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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

"Jesus My Great High Priest"

"You Are Good"

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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