



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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The marks on his body not only declared the cost of the shalom he had won for them but also established that Jesus, the one who died, was now present bodily among them. .... The disciples cowering in the upper room came face to face with a physical, fish-eating Jesus. His tangibility was just the point: God had raised Jesus bodily from the dead.

- Michael Williams, *Far As the Curse is Found*

## God gathers us together for worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

People: ***Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,***

Leader: *from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.*

People: ***He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.***

Leader: *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

People: ***For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.***

***Psalms 107:1-3, 7-9***

*Please stand if able.*

**We respond in song.**

A time to be honest with  
God about our need for  
forgiveness.  
Please read together.

*1 Peter 1:3*

**We respond in song.**

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

*Luke 24:36-49*

God invites His people to  
worship Him through the  
giving of their resources.

**We respond in song.**

## Confession of Sin

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 because we doubt that You will continue to provide.

We love ourselves above everyone else because we trivialize Your grace.

We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins.

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 Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Update and prayer: Youth Life Engagement Team

## Scripture Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*

*4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

## Sermon

**Acts 1:1-5**

**Isaiah 40:8**

Today's sermon is given by  
Pastor Matt Lorish.

We encourage you to use this  
space to take notes or write  
questions.

# Invitation to the Lord's Supper

## Words of Institution

*1 Corinthians 11:23b-26* 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.**

## The Lord's Supper

Gluten-free, nut-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. An elder would be pleased to pray for your children, if you so desire. At the front right of the room stands a person ready to pray with and for you.

**We respond in song.**

## Benediction

### About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)), planted in October 2011.

### Worship Service

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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