



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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*Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the Lord say, 'The Lord will never let me be part of his people.' And don't let the eunuchs say, 'I'm a dried-up tree with no children and no future.' For this is what the Lord says: I will bless those eunuchs who keep my Sabbath days holy and who choose to do what pleases me and commit their lives to me. I will give them—within the walls of my house—a memorial and a name far greater than sons and daughters could give. For the name I give them is an everlasting one. It will never disappear!...For the Sovereign Lord, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: I will bring others, too, besides my people Israel.*

- Isaiah 56:3-5, 8, New Living Translation

## God gathers us together for worship

### Worship in Song

"Before I Knew"

Words and music: Kirk Ward  
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### Call to Worship

Leader: *Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Psalms 36:5-9*

**People:** *Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O LORD.*

Leader: *How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

**People:** *They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.*

### Worship in Song

"Our God"

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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

Holy God, together we confess our sinful attitudes and actions:

We act like our own providers, fail to give You thanks, and then use our resources selfishly.

We often have eyes only for our own concerns and not for those of our neighbors.

And in difficult circumstances we doubt Your love and accuse You of neglect.

We repent from our sins and turn to You alone for forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, teach us that true freedom is found in submission to Your loving authority.

Holy Spirit, renew our heart and will, and conform us to the likeness of Christ.

Heavenly Father, be glorified in our lives. Amen.

- silent confession -

1 John 4:9

*This is how God showed His love among us:*

*He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.*

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Music: Philip P. Bliss  
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## Worship in Song

“Mighty To Save”

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

Update and prayer: Particularization service, March 4

## Scripture Reading

*Psalm 67*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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Music: William Kirkpatrick  
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## Offering, Worship in Song

“Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

*"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.*

*33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."*

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

Acts 8:26-40

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by  
Rev. Marc Corbett, pastor of  
Reformed University Fellow-  
ship in Lynchburg, VA.

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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Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton  
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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

"Heal Us, Emmanuel"

"How Great Thou Art"

## 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

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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