



northside church

O F R I C H M O N D

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There are many roadblocks to giving: unbelief, insecurity, pride, idolatry, desire for power and control. The raging current of our culture—and often our churches—makes it hard to swim upstream. It's considered “normal” to keep far more than we give.But I'm convinced that the greatest deterrent to giving is this: the illusion that earth is our home. As long as I still have something, I believe I own it. But when I give it away, I relinquish the control, power, and prestige that come with wealth. At the moment of release the light turns on. The magic spell is broken. My mind clears, and I recognize God as owner, myself as servant, and other people as intended beneficiaries of what God has entrusted to me.

- Randy Alcorn, “The Treasure Principle”

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: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

Psalms 146:1-3, 5-8

People: *I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Leader: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*

People: *who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.*

Leader: *The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.*

People: *The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.*

Worship in Song

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Words: Francis of Assisi;
Music: Peter von Brachel
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This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

Ephesians 2:19-20

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

Music and words: Jeremiah Hurst,
Orlando Palmer
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Confession and Assurance

O God, You never turn away from a broken and repentant heart.

So I confess that in all conditions, I encounter my sin:

Success feeds my pride, and lack leads me to envy.

I resist the authority that You have put in my life,
and I use my own authority to serve myself.

I want to love and trust You fully,
but many times my fear overtakes me, and I run away.

Lord and Father, forgive my sins; cleanse me and refresh me with Your grace.

I praise You for Your promise of redemption and new life through the Spirit.

Please lead me in Your light, strengthen my faith, and make me more like Jesus. Amen.

- silent confession -

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

Worship in Song

"Healer"

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Membership vows: Adam and Lindsay Silvernail

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

"Fights For Me"

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Acts 2:42-47

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.

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"

"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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