



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

**February 25, 2018**

Lift up your eyes and be blinded by his light  
See better than you could with 20/20 sight  
Fall off your high horse and be humbled on the ground  
His voice is the sound that can turn your life around  
- Smokey Robinson, "The Road To Damascus"

## God gathers us together for worship

### Worship in Song

"Come Holy Spirit, Come"

Words: Joseph Hart  
Music: Hiram Ring  
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### Call to Worship

Leader: *The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

*Psalm 98:2, 4-9*

People: ***Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!***

Leader: *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!  
Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together  
before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.*

People: ***He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.***

### Worship in Song

"Clap Your Hands"

Words and music: Dr. R. A. Vernon &  
"The Word" Church Praise Team

This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

## Confession and Assurance

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- silent confession -

*Daniel 9:9, 18*

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . . We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

Words: Augustus Toplady;  
Music: Thomas Hastings  
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## Worship in Song

“Rock of Ages”

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: Matt, Lilli, Win, and Tad Benko

## Scripture Reading

*Philippians 3:2-10*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering, Worship in Song

“My Life Is In Your Hands”

Words and music: Kirk Franklin  
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# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

*But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.*

*10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened.*

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

Acts 9:1-19

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by  
Nii Aryee, Director of  
Community Engagement.

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.

Words and music:

Katie and Bryan Torwalt

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Words and music: Byron Cage

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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

"Holy Spirit"

"Like No Other"

## 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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