



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Too many of us are too comfortable in our “Jesus lifeboat.” Instead of the church preparing its members to reach out to other people who are still in the water and pulling them into the boat, we have settled in for the ride to heaven and are busy coming up with ways to make the trip more comfortable. We go to church each week and worship God because we are saved and safe, forgetting that the lifeboat is not yet full.

— Tony Evans, *God’s Glorious Church: The Mystery and Mission of the Body of Christ*

## God gathers us together for worship

### Worship in Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Words and music:  
Matt and Beth Redman  
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### Call to Worship

Leader: *Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*Psalm 96:2-6, 9-10*

**People:** *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.*

Leader: *Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

**People:** *Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”*

### Worship in Song

“You Reign”

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

*Zephaniah 3:15*

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

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## Confession and Assurance

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together - success convinces us that we can make it on our own, difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect, possessions diminish our love for You, and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.

Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming; teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think, give us a renewed will and desire to follow You, and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.

In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

- silent confession -

*The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.*

## Worship in Song

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Membership vows: Avery Torres

## Scripture Reading

*Hebrews 11:23-38*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering, Worship in Song

“Just To Know Him”

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. 10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. 11 Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." 12 And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, 13 and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, 14 for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." 15 And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Acts 6:8-7:53

And the high priest said, "Are these things so?" 2 And Stephen said...

\* Due to space limitations, please use a Bible to read Acts 7:3-53. \*

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

Isaiah 40:8

**People: Praise be to God!**

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

"No Sweeter Name"

"Every Praise"

## 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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