



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

**December 22, 2019**

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is “thank you,”  
it will be enough.  
- Meister Eckhart

## God gathers us together for worship

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;*

**People:** ***to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,***

*to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.”*

*Luke 1:68-75*

Zechariah the priest declares that God’s promises of salvation and redemption were coming true in the birth of Jesus.

Words and music:  
Bishop T.D. Jakes

## Worship in Song

“Bless the Lord With Me”

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“Free Worshipper”

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“Emmanuel”

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

Upcoming Events: Winter Wednesdays (Jan 15 & 22, Feb 5 & 12),  
Parenting Workshop (March 14), Church Retreat (May 2)

## Scripture Reading

*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Words and music: traditional  
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## Offering & Worship in Song

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

Today in Children’s Worship, children 4 years old through 2nd grade will learn from the  
The Big Picture Story Bible: God’s Promised One is Announced, from Luke 2:8-19.

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

10 Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

14 "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 15 For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. 16 O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. 18 O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. 19 Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision."

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Bless the Lord your God." And all the assembly blessed the Lord, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and paid homage to the Lord and to the king.

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by  
Pastoral Resident Charles  
Lewis.

## Altar Ministry of Prayer and Communion

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Prayer is taking place up front. If you have spiritual questions, if you're are looking for a church to join, if you prayed the prayer of belief earlier, or if you have some other need in your life to bring to God, please come up front to receive prayer from those wearing Prayer Team badges.

Communion is taking place in the back. All who have repented of their sins, put their faith in Jesus as Savior, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church are invited to participate. Please come back through the center aisle to any of the 3 communion stations and take a cup and a piece of bread. Gluten and nut-free wafers are in the wooden boxes. Please indicate whether you want juice or wine. An elder will speak words of encouragement and then everyone at the station will partake together. Children with you who are not yet taking communion will be prayed for during this time.

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## Worship in Song

"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"

"Jesus What a Wonderful Child"

## Benediction

### About Us

Northside Church of Richmond was planted in October 2011, within the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)).

Public worship held on Sundays at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors always welcome!

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