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It is crucial that you understand that God created the universe for His pleasure and His glory (Revelation 4:11), including the creation of you (Isaiah 43:7). God did not make the world first and foremost for you but for Himself. Everything is created to bring Him glory, and that means you, too. That is your chief aim; your highest purpose. You are to reflect Him and His ways through your thoughts, choices and actions in such a way that people look at you and can't help but give glory to God. - Dr. Tony Evans

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Oh Give Thanks"

Words and music: Dr. Judith Christie McAllister and Keith O'Neal ©2001 Judah Music

Isaiah 42:5-9

Call to Worship

Leader: Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

People: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Leader: I am the LORD; that is my name;

my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

People: Behold, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Worship in Song

"Our God"

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Confession and Assurance

Almighty and most merciful Father, Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior, forgive our lukewarm worship, our callousness toward suffering, our obsession with comfort and pleasure, and our indifference to Your commands.

Holy Spirit, teach us to repent and depend on You, to work for what is good,

to love what You love, and to eagerly follow You. Amen.

- silent confession -

Acts 10:43

All the prophets testify about Jesus Christ that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

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Worship in Song

"It Is Well With My Soul"

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

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Offering, Worship in Song

"We Are Not Overcome"

Words and music: Isaac Wardell, Robert Heiskell

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

18 Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. 19 And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

Acts 12:18-25

20 Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. 21 On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. 22 And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" 23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

24 But the word of God increased and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Senior 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

"The Anthem"

"Every Praise"

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a church of the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in Oct 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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