



northside church

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What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.
- Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

God gathers us together for worship

Call to Worship

Leader: *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*

People: ***In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.***

Leader: *And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'*"

Jeremiah 23:5-6

A prophecy in which the LORD promises that a king from David's lineage would redeem the people of God.

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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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Worship in Song

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"Great Are You Lord"

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayer for the persecuted church

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 46

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering & Worship in Song

"I'll Just Say Yes"

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 Born, from Luke 2:6-7.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

21 Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." 22 And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

23 About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. 24 For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. 25 These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. 26 And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. 27 And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

28 When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" 29 So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel. 30 But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. 31 And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater. 32 Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. 33 Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. 34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

35 And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? 36 Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. 37 For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. 38 If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. 39 But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. 40 For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." 41 And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Acts 19:21-41

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Associate Pastor Joel Passmore.

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

"Heal Us, Emmanuel"

"Friend of God"

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).

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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