



northside church

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With a few exceptions, we live in a culture that has immersed itself in the value of individualism. It's pervasive. It's hard to admit that we are needy. We expect people to get on with their lives without being a bother to anyone, and we place the same expectation on ourselves. Instead of building community, we pretend to be what we're not. We claim to be "just fine." But inside we are aching, and we don't know where to take that ache.

- Wes Roberts and Glenn Marshall, *Reclaiming God's Original Intent for the Church*

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Everlasting God"

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Call to Worship

Leader: *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

People: ***Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.***

Leader: *And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.*

People: ***And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.***

Micah 5:2-5

The prophet Micah bring a word from God, saying that a mighty Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will shepherd God's people into lasting rest and peace.

Worship in Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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

Matthew 1:20b-21

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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

Almighty and merciful Father,
we come to you at Advent with the brokenness of the world in our eyes,
the cries of injustice, loneliness, and sadness in our ears,
and the failures and confusion of sin in our hearts.

O promised Christ: We are a world at war; our peace depends on Your coming.
We are an unfulfilled, longing people; our hope depends upon Your coming.
We are a sinful people; our pardon depends on Your coming.

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh, forgive our sins, comfort our hearts,
and lift our eyes to look for Your glorious return with hope and joy.
Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

- silent confession -

Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Worship in Song

"Healer"

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Membership vows: Jervon Fisher and Hezakah Smith

Scripture Reading

John 10:14-18

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. 36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4:32-37

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

"Hosanna"

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (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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