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The significance of the common life is often neglected in traditional and even contemporary discussions of church to its great detriment. When people know they are deeply loved, cared for, accepted, and wanted by a community, they are transformed by the experience. . . . Biblically defined, the church is not merely a collection of individuals but a social body built around Christ that focuses on God's reign. The many images of the church in Scripture--such as the body of Christ, the people of God, the household of the Spirit--are all pictures of community. Put in terms of the Gospels, when Jesus called women and men to follow him, to join in his mission, he was building a community defined by a festive table with new seating arrangements.

- Mark Gornik, *To Live in Peace: Biblical Faith and the Changing Inner City*

God gathers us together for worship

Call to Worship

Leader:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Give thanks to the God of gods,

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

and rescued us from our foes,

he who gives food to all flesh,

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

People:

for his steadfast love endures forever.

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Psalms 136:1-3, 23-26

Please stand if able.

We respond in song.

A time to be honest with
God about our need for
forgiveness.
Please read together.

Acts 10:43

We respond in song.

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

Revelation 19:1-9

God invites His people to
worship Him through the
giving of their resources.

We respond in song.

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, You have ushered in a new creation in Your Son,
yet we draw back and live like before.
You tell us to come to You in desperation,
yet we try to avoid You while we attempt to patch up our lives.
You invite us to come to You so that You can show us mercy,
yet often we come to You acting proud and self-sufficient.
You tell us to come to You trusting in Your love,
yet we hesitate because we doubt You will provide.
Forgive us our sins, convince us of Your love, overwhelm us with Your grace,
and melt our hearts with Your mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and prayer: Northside Groups

Scripture Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket.
The mercy fund is used to help those in need from our church and the Northside community.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

15 When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" 16 But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' 20 And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' 22 And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

Luke 14:15-24

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish.

We encourage you to use this
space to take notes or write
questions.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

The Lord's Supper

Gluten-free, nut-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. An elder would be pleased to pray for your children, if you so desire. At the front right of the room stands a person ready to pray with and for you.

We respond in song.

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

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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