



northside church

O F R I C H M O N D

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The situations in which we learn most about obedience are those in which we cannot see why we are called to do what we are doing. If we can give a reason for what we are doing, then we are not necessarily learning obedience, at least not simple obedience. What we are really doing is trusting our ability to reason things out. We are doing what we are doing because we think it is the best thing to do. There is nothing wrong with thinking things out, of course. But it is quite another thing to learn obedience when the proscribed course does not seem the best option.

- James Montgomery Boice

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Jesus Everlasting King"

Words: Isaac Watts, alt. Matthew Smith | Music: Matthew Smith
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Call to Worship

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*

People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

Leader: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

Leader: *The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.*

People: *God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

Psalms 67

Worship in Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Words: Edward Perronet, John Rippon
Music: Oliver Holden
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This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

John 3:16

Words and music:
Isaac Wardell, Robert Heiskell

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

Words and music: Brian Courtney
Wilson, Aaron Lindsey
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Confession and Assurance

Holy and gracious Lord, together we acknowledge that we are a forgetful people:
Total dependence on You is frightening, so we seek comfort and control.
Setting You aside, we search in vain for something more satisfying.
And lost in ourselves, we miss opportunities to encourage and serve others.

By Your Spirit, remind us of the truth:
You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
You died to pay for our sins and free us; You were raised to give us life now and forever.
And You are coming back to renew us and the world.

We repent, and we remember. Restore us, oh Lord!

- silent confession -

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Worship in Song

"We Are Not Overcome"

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Membership Vows: Dawson and Lydia Delk

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Offering, Worship in Song

"I'll Just Say Yes"

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and

"Let another take his office."

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Acts 1:12-26

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.

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

"He Knows My Name"

"Victory In Jesus"

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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