



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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A minister should enter his pulpit, not in a thoughtless, frivolous mood, but with a deep sense of the seriousness of the work in which he is engaged - the work of calling dying, sinful men to repentance and faith before it is eternally too late.

- Francis Grimke

## God gathers us together for worship

### Call to Worship

Leader: *O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!  
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!  
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

**People:** *I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

Leader: *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.  
O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

*Psalms 84:8-12*

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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

"Arise, Oh God"

"Free Worshipper"

"I Will Bless the Lord at All Times"

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Membership vows: Abbey Thomas

## Scripture Reading

*Romans 5:6-8*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering & Worship in Song

"The Anthem"

Today in Children's Worship, children 4 years old through 2nd grade will learn from the Jesus Storybook Bible: The Resurrection (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20).

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon

3 Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land. 4 The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. 5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. 7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor."

8 So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you." 9 The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the necromancers from the land. Why then are you laying a trap for my life to bring about my death?" 10 But Saul swore to her by the Lord, "As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." 11 Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said, "Bring up Samuel for me." 12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul." 13 The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth." 14 He said to her, "What is his appearance?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.

15 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do." 16 And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? 17 The Lord has done to you as he spoke by me, for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. 18 Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you this day. 19 Moreover, the Lord will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The Lord will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines."

20 Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

1 Samuel 28:3-20

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by  
Jonah Hooper, who is starting  
a Reformed University  
Fellowship ministry at  
Winston-Salem State  
University.

## 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.

## Worship in Song

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"Oh the Blood of Jesus"

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"You Are Good"

## Benediction

### About Us

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Public worship service Sundays at 4pm in the fellow-ship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors always welcome!

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