



northside church

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Meditation

Even if they try to kill you, you develop the inner conviction that there are some things so precious, some things so eternally true that they are worth dying for. And if a person has not found something to die for, that person isn't fit to live!

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Readings to help you
prepare to worship, as Jesus
said, "in spirit and in truth."*

*When you hear the first
song begin, please come take
a seat.*

God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225
Music: Peter von Brachel, 1623
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We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us, sing,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

repeat

Psalm 31:1-5

Please stand if able.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!*

People: *Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!*

Leader: *Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!*

People: *For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;*

Leader: *you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.*

People: *Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

Song of Praise

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue
to Him their hearts enthrall.
Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
we at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Words: Edward Perronet,
John Rippon
Music: Oliver Holden
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*A **diadem** is a crown worn
as a sign of royalty.*

Scripture Reading

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Philippians 1:18b-26

*A time to be honest with
God about our need for
forgiveness.*

Please read together.

1 Peter 1:3

Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady
Music: Thomas Hastings
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,
possessions diminish our love for You,
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us
to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

We respond to the grace received

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Peter Rowan - Reformed University Fellowship at VCU

The Northside: Young Men's Academy - Thursday night meeting with middle school boys

Our church: New Members Class - November 22-24

Offering

We see giving as a part of worship. If you feel the same way we invite you to participate.

Song of Preparation

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
Night will fall, the light will fade;
The Lord will give and take away.

chorus

Have no fear for your life,
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.
Bear the yoke of love and death,
The Lord will give life and breath.

Because of His great love,
We are not overcome!
Because of His great love,
We are not overcome!

chorus

Put no trust in the earth,
In the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us.

We Are Not Overcome

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Lamentations 3

*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 14:1-12

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given by
Andrew Conrad, Pastor of
Spring Run Presbyterian
Church and member of the
oversight commission of
Northside Church.*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, 2 and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." 3 For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, 4 because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." 5 And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, 7 so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. 8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." 9 And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. 10 He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, 11 and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.

Words of Institution

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

The Lord's Supper

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children. At the back of the fellowship hall is someone ready to pray with and for you.

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Song of Communion

We love our God,
He always hears us when we cry,
His peace is so complete,
His love is so divine.

We love our God,
we'll live and die to see His fame,
There's nothing greater than
the glory of His Name.

Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

chorus

We love our God,
we long to see His Kingdom come,
And on that day then
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

chorus (x2)

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We Love Our God

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We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

Days of Elijah

Words and music:
Robin Mark
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*This song incorporates rich
biblical imagery:*

*To read about Moses and
Elijah in connection with
the day of the Lord and
Jesus, see Malachi 4:4-6,
Matthew 11:13-14, and
Matthew 17:1-13.*

*To read about Jesus return-
ing with the trumpet call,
see 1 Thessalonians 4:16.*

*The year of Jubilee is found
in Leviticus 25:10-12, and
the dry bones coming alive
is in Ezekiel 37:1-14.*

*Finally, for the harvest and
field see Matthew 9:37-38
and John 4:35-36.*

Song of Rejoicing

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call!
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.

chorus

There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
repeat

chorus

Benediction

About

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

Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery
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