



northside church

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Meditation

What are the dynamics of love in a local church, especially if that church is in a multi-cultural and diverse community? How do we live out the Gospel between ourselves, within ourselves, and from ourselves to others? These are questions Randy Nabors will consider in his sermon today from Romans 12:1-2, titled "What Does A Transformed Mind Mean In Real Time?"

*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, and we ask Him to turn our hearts and minds toward Him.

Everlasting God

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Isaiah 40:28-31

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Psalm 146:1-3, 5-8

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer!

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

People: *I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Leader: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*

People: *who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.*

Leader: *The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.*

People: *The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.*

Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.

chorus

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Kevin Twit
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"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is derived from Hebrews 7:22: "by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV) It means that Jesus' work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.

Scripture Reading

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 12:9-21

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

Please read together.

Acts 10:43

***God of My Life, To Thee
I Call***

*Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
Murphy and Benj Pocta
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Music*

*Here's another way to phrase
the last 2 lines of the chorus:
When you put your faith
in Jesus he becomes your
powerful advocate, and you
can be confident of your
spiritual safety and profit in
any circumstance.*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way and broken your laws.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

chorus

When the great water floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,
Supports me under every load.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

chorus (x2)

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door,
Invites the helpless and the poor!

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: Tanisha Webster, serving with Serge in London

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation, praise for new mentors and prayer for a strong year end

Our church: To be a church marked by mercy and cross-cultural engagement

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 for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

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

Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy;

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom
for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

chorus

Psalm 126

Words and music: unknown

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

Romans 12:1-2

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given by
Randy Nabors, Founder and
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*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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. 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

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb that was slain.

Joy and peace, strength and hope,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Truth revealed, my future sealed,

healed my pain.

Love and freedom, life and warmth,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Rescued my soul, my stronghold,

lifts me from shame.

Forgiveness, security, power and love,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Jesus What a Beautiful Name

Words and music:

Tanya Riches

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2 Thessalonians 1:12

Colossians 3:17

*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

Every Praise

*Words and music: Hezekiah
Walker, John David Bratton
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Song of Rejoicing

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise is to our God!
Sing hallelujah to our God,
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

repeat

God my Savior!
God my Healer!
God my Deliverer!
Yes He is, yes He is!

repeat

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise...
is to our God!

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

Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church @ the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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