



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

We usually recoil from the cost of love, thinking it is an alien substance, but it is the essence of love. This is strangely encouraging because when the pressure of love builds, we think that somehow we showed up for the wrong life. This isn't what we signed up for. But no, this is the divine path called love.

~ Paul Miller, *A Loving Life*

*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.

**Down At the Cross
(Glory To His Name)**

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Psalm 18:1-4, 6, 30-31

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name, glory to His Name!
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin
Jesus so sweetly abides within.
There at the cross where He took me in,
Glory to His Name!

chorus

O precious fountain that saves from sin
I am so glad I have entered in.
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name!

chorus

Come to the fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet.
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His Name!

chorus (x2)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *I love you, O LORD, my strength.
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

**People: *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.***

Leader: *In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.*

**People: *From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.***

Leader: *This God – his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

**People: *For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?***

Song of Praise

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it –
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my **Ebenezer**,
hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor,
daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace, now, like a **fetter**,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it –
seal it for Thy courts above.

repeat

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Ashael Nettleton
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“Ebenezer” means “stone of help.” It was the name of a monument to God’s faithfulness erected by Samuel, a judge of ancient Israel. See 1 Samuel 7:12.

A “fetter” is a chain or shackle placed on the feet.

Scripture Reading

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

John 13:12-15

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

Please read together.

Zephaniah 3:17

Search Me

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Psalms 139:23-24

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we have strayed from You like lost sheep.

We lose hope because we think You are weak.

We hoard what You give us because we doubt that You will continue to provide.

We love ourselves above everyone else because we trivialize Your grace.

We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins.

Renew our faith and help us to walk in Your might.

Remind us of Your Fatherly provision of every good gift.

Amaze us with Your grace and mercy to undeserving sinners.

In the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Song of Renewal

Search me, and know my heart

Test me, and know my thoughts.

See into me: is there any sin?

And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart

Test me, and know my thoughts.

See into me: is there any sin?

And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Where there is fear, make me courageous,
Where there is doubt, give me faith.
Where there is pride, Lord make me humble.
Where there is silence, give me praise.

Search me, and know my heart

Test me, and know my thoughts.

See into me: is there any sin?

And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Jesus, Your love has made me righteous,
For by your wounds I am healed.
Jesus, Your death has paid the ransom,
Your resurrection gives me life.

chorus

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and Prayer - Nursing Home Engagement Team

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

My God is awesome, He can move mountains,
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.
My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,
Strength where I've been weakened,
forever He will reign.

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty!

Awesome, awesome!

He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, He's holy!

repeat

Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,
awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,
awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!

Awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!

Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world
Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed.

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,
His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name!

Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!

Awesome, awesome!

chorus

Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer!

Awesome, awesome!

Awesome

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

Ephesians 5:22-33

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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

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.

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.

Song of Communion

There's nothing worth more,
that will ever come close,
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone,
in Your Presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit You are welcome here,
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere,
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

repeat

There's nothing worth more,
that will ever come close,
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone,
in Your Presence, Lord.

chorus

Let us become more aware of Your presence,
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

repeat

chorus

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

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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

Holy Spirit

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*2 Corinthians 3:17
Psalm 96: 8-13*

We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

You Are Good

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Music

Psalm 100:5, 106:1

Song of Rejoicing

Lord You are good
and Your mercy endureth forever! *chorus*
Lord You are good
and Your mercy endureth forever!
People from every nation and tongue,
from generation to generation... *repeat*

We worship You!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are!
We worship You!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are - *repeat*
You are good!

verse

You are good all the time,
all the time You are good!
verse
People from every nation and tongue,
from generation to generation...

chorus

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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