



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"The restoration of all things signified and promised in the resurrection is at one and the same time the hope of the believer and the horizon in which he must understand all reality, for it is the direction in which the believer is traveling."

- Michael Williams

Readings to help you engage with God and worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."

When you hear the first song begin, please come take a seat and continue preparing for worship by praying, reading the meditation quotes above, or singing along.

All Who Call

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*A recognition of the
presence of God among
us, which influences the
posture of our hearts.*

Isaiah 60:1-3

Please stand if able.

Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Isaac Watts
Music: John Hatton
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Song of Gathering

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.

You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,
You are near to all who call upon Your name.
Savior, Healer,
You are near to all who call upon Your name.

verse

chorus (x2)

Nothing is impossible for You.
Heaven and earth are at Your command.
Nothing is impossible for You.
You are the great I AM.

chorus

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.*

People: ***See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,***

Leader: *but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you.*

People: ***Nations will come to Your light,
and kings to the brightness of Your dawn.***

Song of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Scripture Reading

Psalm 73

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 2:24

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Ashael Nettleton
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v2: "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.

v3: fetter = chain or shackle placed on the feet

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

O King and Father, Your Son died only to be raised.
Now give us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may rise to new life and power.
Though You should guide us as our Shepherd, we inform ourselves.
Though You should rule us as our King, we control ourselves.
Though You should fulfill us as our Peace, we console ourselves.
For we think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free.
But this is not true. And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Now heal our confused minds with Your Word, heal our divided wills with Your Law,
heal our troubled consciences with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence,
all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By His wounds you have been healed.*

Song of Renewal

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)*

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Community Life

Ministry update: Lukeythia Bastardi, who recently completed a medical service trip to Haiti.

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Jesus, everlasting King,
accept the tribute which we bring,
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown.

chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

chorus

O that the months would roll away,
And bring the coronation day.
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,
With all His Father's glories on.

chorus

O send Your Spirit to impart,
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above,
We first received Your pledge of love.

chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

Jesus Everlasting King

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(alt. by Matthew Smith)
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 5:8

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. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children.

There is a person at the back of the fellowship hall ready to pray with and for you, if desired.

Song of Communion

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Were it ever without Thee.
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,

Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

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

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

Communion at Northside is a patient, relaxed time. As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Dayspring

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Alex Mejias

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

God sends us out refreshed

It Is Finished

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Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
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Music*

Song of Rejoicing

"It is finished!" – Sinners, hear it!

Tis the dying Victor's cry;

"It is finished!" – Angels bear it,

Bear the joyful truth on high:

"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station,

Bars the sinner's peace no more.

Justice views with approbation

What the Savior did and bore.

Grace and mercy

now display their boundless store.

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"It is finished!" – All is over,

Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.

Such the truth these words discover,

Thus the victory was obtained.

'Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.

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Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown him,

Who his people's foes o'ercame!

In the highest heaven enthrone him,

Men and angels sound his fame!

Great his glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.

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*At the end of the service,
please pick up your children
from the nursery.*

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

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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