



northside church

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Meditation

Apart from a soul hunger for Christ there is no cure for the religious professionalism and lukewarmness that forever crouches at the door of the self-satisfied Christian. A friend summed up the issue like this: "When I first became a Christian, I was a poor beggar telling other poor beggars where to find bread. Gradually, though, I became an ex-beggar telling poor beggars where to find bread." . . . The truth is that in our heart of hearts we all long to be "ex-beggars," self-sufficient, capable, human beings, straightening out other people from above.

- Jack Miller, *Powerful Evangelism for the Powerless*

*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 68:4-6, 19

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: *Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!*

**People: *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.***

Leader: *God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.*

**People: *Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.***

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

When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 21:7-13

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

Please read together.

Romans 5:6, 8

Search Me

*Words: and music:
Kirk Ward
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Psalms 139:23-24

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

*At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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

New Member Vows - Troy and Eureka Wyatt, Sean Patrick and Joshua Pendleton

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

chorus

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er,
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore!

chorus (x2)

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, this my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a Closer Walk

*Words and music:
John C. Hallett
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Ephesians 6:18-20

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

18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died

My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.

His pow'rful blood did once atone,

And now it pleads before the throne,

And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;

He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set -

My **Surety** paid the dreadful debt,

My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died...

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.

The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.

Not all that hell or sin can say

Shall turn His heart, His love, away

Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death

and pow'rs of hell unknown,

Put their most dreadful forms

of rage and mischief on,

I shall be safe, for Christ displays

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace;

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

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.

Jesus My Great High Priest

*Words: Isaac Watts
(chorus by Kirk Ward)*

*Music: Kirk Ward
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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

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

God sends us out refreshed

How Great Thou Art

*Words and music:
Stuart K. Hine
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Song of Rejoicing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

chorus

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
“My God, how great Thou art!”

chorus (x2)

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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