

# northside church of RICHMOND

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## Meditation

Optimism is a wish without warrant; Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God himself. Optimism reflects ignorance as to whether good things will ever actually come. Christian hope expresses knowledge that every day of his life, and every moment beyond it, the believer can say with truth, on the basis of God's own commitment, that the best is yet to come.

- J.I. Packer

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.

10.000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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Psalm 103:1-5

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# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul, 0 my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, 0 my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name!

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

#### chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

chorus

## Welcome and Call to Worship

- Leader: Oh aive thanks to the LORD, for he is acod, for his steadfast love endures forever!
  - People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
  - Leader: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
  - **People:** *He led them by a straight way* till they reached a city to dwell in.
  - Leader: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love. for his wondrous works to the children of man!
  - People: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

#### Psalm 107:1-3, 7-9

Please stand if able.

## Song of Praise

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress. When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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#### How Firm a Foundation

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## **Scripture Reading**

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head. Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 110

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

*Please read together.* 

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## **Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our life is laid bare before Your eyes:We often promote ourselves, and overlook people around us.We nurse anger and envy in secret, while wearing a cheery façade.We tether our joy to our circumstances, rather than to the gospel.

We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You cover us in Jesus Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise! His blood is your peace, His death is your life, His Spirit is your power." Convince us that a life lived in Your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8:1-2

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.* 

## Song of Renewal

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!

repeat

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!

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Jesus What a Beautiful Name

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2 Thessalonians 1:12 Colossians 3:17

# We respond to the grace received

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Missionary Update - Tanisha Webster, serving with Serge in London

## 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.

## **Song of Preparation**

Behold me here, in grief draw near, Pleading at Thy throne, oh King. To Thee each tear, each trembling fear, Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee. Let me find Thee, Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above, With Thy Spirit, satisfy. Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me, And Thy purchase, Lord, am I. Let me find Thee, let me find Thee. Let me find Thee, here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken, Longings of my heart to Thee. All the crying, all the sighing, Of Thy child, accepted be.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee. Let me find Thee, wounded healer, suffering Lord.

repeat

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

#### Let Me Find Thee

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Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work. Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

# God feeds us with His Word

### **Sermon Text**

#### Matthew 22:23-46

23 The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, 24 saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.' 25 Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. 26 So too the second and third, down to the seventh. 27 After them all, the woman died. 28 In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her."

29 But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 31 And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"?

45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. **People: Praise be to God!** 

#### Sermon

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

Today's sermon is given by

Pastor Matt Lorish.

Isaiah 40:8

## 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 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**

I see the King of glory Coming down the clouds with fire The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes. Stirring as we pray and seek

I see His love and mercy Washing over all our sin The people sing, the people sing.

Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

I see a generation Rising up to take their place With selfless faith, with selfless faith. l see a near revival We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

#### chorus

Heal my heart and make it clean. Open up my eyes to the things unseen. Show me how to love like You have loved me. Break my heart for what breaks Yours, Everything I am for Your kingdom come. As I walk from earth into eternity.

chorus (x2)

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.

#### Hosanna

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Iohn 12:13 Mark 11:9-10 Matthew 21:9

	Song of Rejoicing
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verlasting Arms	leaning on the everlasting arms.
Vords: Elisha A. Hoffman	What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Iusic: Anthony J. Showalter Tublic domain	leaning on the everlasting arms.
	Leaning, leaning,
Deuteronomy 33:27	safe and secure from all alarms.
	Leaning, leaning,
	leaning on the everlasting arms.
	Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
	leaning on the everlasting arms.
	Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
	leaning on the everlasting arms.
	chorus

#### What have I to dread? What have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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**

We go forth to love and

serve God and neighbor.

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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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