



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Faith . . . involves trusting in the future promises of God and waiting for their fulfillment.

- R.C. Sproul

*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.*

*The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.*

### **Everlasting God**

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*Isaiah 40:28-31*

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*Psalm 68:4-6, 19*

*Please stand if able.*

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## **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.

## **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*

## Confession of Sin

Loving Lord and King, all of our lives are 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

*The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*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.*

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

*John 1:29*

## ***In Christ Alone***

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
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## **Song of Renewal**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Being reconciled with God  
through Christ enables us to  
seek peace with each other  
and participate in His work.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Update and Prayer: Young Women's Academy

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

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

*But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."*

*But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.*

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*By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome!  
Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome!

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away.

*chorus*

Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

*chorus*

Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.  
Bear the yoke of love and death,  
The Lord will give life and breath.

*chorus (x2)*

**Hebrews 10:32-11:2,  
11:8-10**

***We Are Not Overcome***

*Words and music: Isaac  
Wardell, Robert Heiskell  
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*Lamentations 3*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.*

*2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. 5 And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, 6 so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, 7 and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.*

*8 Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.*

*14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. 17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." 18 So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.*

## Isaiah 40:8

**Leader:** *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**People: Praise be to God!**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Assistant Pastor Joel  
Passmore.*

## Sermon

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

# 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

You don't have to worry,  
and don't you be afraid.  
Joy comes in the morning,  
troubles they don't last always.  
For there's a friend named Jesus,  
who will wipe your tears away.  
And if your heart is broken,  
just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it,  
I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.

*verse 1*

Oh, I know that I can make it,  
I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.  
With Jesus I can take it,  
with Him I know I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.

So when your tests and trials,  
they seem to get you down.  
And all your friends and loved ones,  
are nowhere to be found.  
Remember there's a friend in Jesus,  
who will wipe your tears away,  
And if you heart is broken,  
just lift your hands and say:

*chorus 2*

*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.*

## ***My Life Is In Your Hands***

*Words and music:  
Kirk Franklin  
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*Deuteronomy 31:6  
Isaiah 25:8  
James 1:2*

We go out with renewed  
faith to love our God and  
our neighbors.

### **You Are Good**

Words and music:  
Israel Houghton  
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Music

Psalm 100:5, 106:1

# God sends us out refreshed

## Song of Rejoicing

Lord You are good  
and Your mercy endureth forever!

*chorus*

Lord You are good

and Your mercy endureth forever!

Yes, You are! Yes, You are!

People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation...

So good, so good.

*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 -

You are good!

You are good all the time,  
all the time You are good!

*repeat*

*verse*

People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation...

*verse*

*chorus*

## Benediction

### **About**

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://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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