



# northside church

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## **Meditation**

[I]n the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships.

- David Foster Wallace

*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.

**From All That Dwell  
Below the Skies**

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Robert Spence (v 3), and  
Thomas Ken (v 4)

Music: Alex Mejias  
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**Psalm 117**

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung,  
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord,  
And truth eternal is Thy Word.  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land begin the song,  
To every land the strains belong.  
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,  
And fill the world with loudest praise.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD, all nations!*

**People: Extol him, all peoples!**

Leader: *For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

**People: Praise the LORD!**

## 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*

## Scripture Reading

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.  
You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our fathers  
from the days of old.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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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.*

## **Micah 7:18-20**

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

*Please read responsively.*

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

*Mighty To Save*

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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews  
2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Lord and Father, every faculty we have betrays our sin:

Our mouths boast and speak ill of others; our minds are self-obsessed and confused.  
Our eyes find things to covet; our ears seek compliments rather than the needs of others.  
Our hands serve ourselves and grab for more; our feet dig in against Your calling.  
All this comes from hearts that doubt Your love and seek their own glory.

What hope do we have? Who can deliver us from captivity?

Only Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is ours through faith.  
Forgive our sin and renew us, for Jesus' sake and for Your glory.  
Through the Holy Spirit, make us more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.*

## Song of Renewal

Everyone needs compassion,  
love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save!  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,  
all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

*chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

*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 - Titilayo Sampson

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Wisdom cries out in the street,  
In the square she raises her voice.  
At the center of town you can hear her speak,  
Over all the other noise. She says:

“How long O simple ones?  
How long will you ignore?  
Wake up you walking dead,  
Open your ears to the Lord!”

My child do not forget,  
The path I show to you.  
All other ways only lead to death,  
Ways so easy to choose.

Trust in the Lord only,  
With all your heart and mind.  
Then you shall not stumble,  
All that you seek you shall find.

“How long O simple ones?  
How long will you ignore?  
Wake up you walking dead,  
Open your ears to the Lord!”

Wisdom cries out in the street,  
In the square she raises her voice.

### **How Long?**

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*Proverbs 1-3*

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

**Romans 3:21-31**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Peter Rowan, Pastor of  
Reformed University  
Fellowship at VCU.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

*27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one - who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.*

**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 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! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my victory wins.

*chorus*

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows over me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

*chorus*

Jesus! I do now adore Him,

more than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness,

I am His, and He is mine.

*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! What a Friend for Sinners**

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## **The Doxology**

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## **It Is Finished**

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*“Approbation” is an  
expression of warm  
approval.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

“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.  
‘Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.

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.  
Great His glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.

*repeat*

## **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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