

# northside church of RICHMOND

July 15th, 2012

#### **Meditations**

"Pride isolates the proud and aborts the possibility of real fellowship with others. To have real fellowship with others you can't think you are better than them."

- Cornelius Plantinga

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.

#### How Sweet the Name

Words: John Newton Music: Alexander Reinagle Arrangment: Bill Moore © Bill Moore Music

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#### Song of Gathering

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds

And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast. Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build

My Shield and Hiding Place,

My never-failing Treasury filled with

Boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, My End,

Accept the praise I bring.

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

Psalm 96:1-10a

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; Leader: sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**People:** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

## **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!

#### Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Isaac Watts Music: John Hatton Public domain

## **Scripture Reading**

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

John 5:19-24

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

Please read together.

Iohn 3:16

# We confess our sin and receive grace

#### **Confession of Sin**

Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all so easily:
Pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny,
consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses,
and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.
God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character.
Let us not misinterpret Your patience with our sin as though it were permissiveness.
Loving Father, astonish us with a godly fear which will not drive us to despair,
but cause us to number our days and cling to the cross of Christ,
Who is the Friend of sinners. In His name, amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

# Song of Renewal

Words: John Newton Music: Justin Smith

**Great God From Thee** 

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Great God from Thee there's nought concealed, Thou seest my inward frame. To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear, What in myself I see, How vile and dark must I appear, Most holy God to Thee?

But since my Savior stands between, In garments dyed in blood, 'Tis He instead of me is seen, When I approach to God.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe, He pleads before the throne, His life and death in my behalf, And calls my sins His own.

What wondrous love, what mysteries, In this appointment shine: My breaches of the law are His, And His obedience mine!

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What wondrous love, what mysteries, In this appointment shine: My breaches of the law are His, And His obedience mine!

# We respond to the grace received

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

The peace God made with us is extended to those around

# **Passing of the Peace**

# **Community Life**

Prayers of the People

The world: Chez Hughes, participating in a mission trip to an orphanage in Honduras

The Northside: Young Lives, a ministry to teenage mothers

Our church: Inaugural membership class; Tuesday track starts this week

# Offering

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

# **Song of Preparation**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that You are with me, Will be with me to the end.

chorus

#### 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

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chorus

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

#### Matthew 7:1-6

# God feeds us with His Word

#### **Sermon Text**

1 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

6 "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."

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

People: Praise be to God!

#### Sermon

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.

# **Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

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.

#### **Words of Institution**

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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 and circle it with others in a group of about 6. Step forward and take a cup and a piece of bread, and a communion distributor will pour wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. 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.

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.

## **Song of Communion**

Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

#### **Break Bread**

Anonymous African-American spiritual Contemporary arrangement by Josh Garrels Public domain We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

#### The Doxology

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# **Songs 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.

#### But For You Who Fear My Name

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Malachi 4:2; 3:17

But for you who fear My Name, The Son of righteousness will rise With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again, And skip about like calves Coming from their stalls at last. You shall be My very own, On the day that I Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man Has compassion on his son Who does the best he can

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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