



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

The reason we sing is because there are depths and heights and intensities and kinds of emotion that will not be satisfactorily expressed by mere prosaic forms, or even poetic readings. There are realities that demand to break out of prose into poetry and some demand that poetry be stretched into song.

- John Piper

*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.

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Composed of several anonymous antiphons written in the 12th century, set to VENI EMMANUEL, a 15th century processional, and arranged by Thomas Helmore in the 19th century

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Isaiah 52:7-8, 10, 13-15

The prophet Isaiah speaks of God's coming salvation, which will be accomplished by His righteous "servant."

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

chorus

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

chorus

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace.

chorus (x2)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."*

People: ***The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.***

Leader: *The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

People: ***Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.***

Leader: *As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—*

People: ***so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.***

Song of Praise

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,
weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requires
is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.
repeat

Come Ye Sinners

*Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Matthew Smith
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*Isaiah 55:1-3
Matthew 11:28-29
Mark 2:15-17*

Advent Reading

*O LORD, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;
many are saying of my soul,
there is no salvation for him in God.
But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.
I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 3:1-6

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

Please read together.

Zephaniah 3:17

God of My Life, To Thee I Call

*Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Pocta
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*Here's another way to phrase the last 2 lines of the chorus:
When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you can be confident of your spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance.*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, You have ushered in a new creation in Your Son,
yet we draw back and live like before.
You tell us to come to You in desperation,
yet we try to avoid You while we attempt to patch up our lives.
You invite us to come to You so that You can show us mercy,
yet sometimes we come only to impress You.
You tell us to come to You trusting in Your love,
yet we hesitate because we doubt You will provide.
Forgive us our sins, convince us of Your love, overwhelm us with Your grace,
and melt our hearts with Your mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

chorus

When the great water floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,
Supports me under every load.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

chorus (x2)

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door,
Invites the helpless and the poor!

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Kevin and Katie Shaffer, transitioning back to Richmond

The Northside: Young Lives, ministry to teenage moms in the Northside

Our church: Young Women's Academy, training leaders and recruiting participants

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity;
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled;
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest;
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give;
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Jesus, Cast a Look On Me

*Words: John Berridge
Music: Matthew Perryman
Jones
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Colossians 3:15-17

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

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Song of Communion

I see the King of glory

Coming down the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

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 new revival

Stirring as we pray and seek

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)

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

Hosanna

Words and music:

Brooke Ligertwood

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John 12:13

Mark 11:9-10

Matthew 21:9

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

God sends us out refreshed

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Ruther-
ford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
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Music.*

Revelation 19:6-10

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.

Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.

There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.

Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.

I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

repeat

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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