



northside church

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Meditations

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.

- Tim Keller

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Faithful

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Music: Alex Mejias,
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Zephaniah 3:14-17

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

You are always faithful,
You are always true.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love is ever new.

You are always faithful,
You will always be.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love covers me,
Your love covers me.

When the waters are high,
When my faith runs dry,
In the shadows of night,
Your love is my light.

You are always faithful,
You will always be.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love covers me,
Your love covers me.

chorus

You are always faithful,
You are always true.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love is ever new,
Your love is ever new.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!*

**People: *Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!***

Leader: *The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.*

**People: *The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.***

Leader: *On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;*

**People: *he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.***

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.

That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

How Firm a Foundation

*Words: John Rippon
Music: Early American
melody
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Scripture Reading

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

2 Corinthians 5:16-18

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

Please read together.

Titus 3:4-5

All Must Be Well

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alt by Matthew S. Smith
Music: Matthew S. Smith.
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our sins 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

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.*

Song of Renewal

Through the love of God our Savior,
all will be well.

Free and changeless is His favor,
all is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.

Ours is such a full salvation,
all is well.

Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well.

Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
all is well.

On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying,
All must be well.

repeat

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Meredith Schorr, leading InterVarsity at Randolph-Macon College

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation, tutoring ministry in the Northside

Our church: Northside Group Leaders to have energy, wisdom, and compassion

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Come unto me and rest

Lay down O weary one, lay down,

Your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus, as I was,

So weary, worn, and sad.

I found in Him my resting place,

And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Behold I freely give,

The living water, thirsty one,

Stoop down and drink and live!”

I came to Jesus, and I drank,

From that life-giving stream.

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“I am this dark world’s light

Look unto me thy morn’ shall rise,

And all thy days be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found,

In Him my star, my sun.

And in that light of life I’ll walk,

Till pilgrim days are done.

repeat

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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Music: Kevin Twit

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Matthew 12:22-37

22 Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." 25 Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. 26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. 31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. 34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. 36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

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
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

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 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

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Be Thou My Vision

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

God sends us out refreshed

Every Ditch, Every Valley

*Words and music:
Peter La Grand
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Isaiah 40

Songs of Rejoicing

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,
And their time of glory soon shall pass.
But the word of God, it will never die.
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,
Every hill and mountain be made low,
Every rugged place will be made flat,
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,
raise your voice and shout,
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

chorus (x2)

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

The Doxology

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Music: Louis Bourgeois
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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.

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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