

# northside church of RICHMOND

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#### Meditation

The Hebrew word for 'covet' refers to an inordinate, ungoverned, selfish desire for something. It is used in Genesis 3:6 of Eve's unquenchable desire and unbridled passion for the fruit of the tree, an object that does not belong to her.

- John D. Currid

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.

#### You Alone Are God

Words and music: Shai Linne

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# We gather in the presence of God

## **Song of Gathering**

Before all worlds began,
You are the great I AM.
Father, Spirit, and Son,
Eternal Three-In-One.
Fulfilled within Yourself,
in need of no one else,
Even though all things change,
You still remain the same.
You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass: a universe so vast. Most things no eye can see, Yet still bring You glory. Although all things are Yours, You made Yourself so poor. You left Your awesome throne, To seek and save Your own. Mighty is our God! So blind I had no clue.
Oh, how I ran from You!
Wickedness had me bound,
Until You tracked me down.
Your law revealed my sin,
My corruption within,
It drove me to Your cross,
Where You paid my sin's cost.
Faithful is our God!

Jesus, You died for me, and now abide in me.
What can I give to You?
Lord, help me live for You!
Help me stay in Your word,
Help me obey You, Lord.
And when we finally meet,
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.
Holy is our God!
Faithful is our God!
Mighty is our God!
You alone are God!

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Psalm 113:1-5

Please stand if able.

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Leader: The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens!

People: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high?

## **Song of Praise**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us, sing, O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him! Alleluia! Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia!

repeat

# All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225 Music: Peter von Brachel, 1623

Psalm 148

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## **Scripture Reading**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 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. 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 Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

Colossians 3:1-17

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

Please read together.

# We confess our sin and receive grace

#### **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**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

# Song of Renewal

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

1 Peter 2:24

# Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley (v 1 and 2), Wilbur Chapman (v 3) Music: Rowland Pritchard Public domain

# We respond to the grace received

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

## **Passing of the Peace**

#### **Community Life**

Update and Prayer - Inaugural Officer Training

# Offering

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

# **Song of Preparation**

Behold me here, in grief draw near, Pleading at Thy throne, oh King. To Thee each tear, each trembling fear, Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee. Let me find Thee, Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above, With Thy Spirit, satisfy. Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me, And Thy purchase, Lord, am I. Let me find Thee, let me find Thee. Let me find Thee, here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken, Longings of my heart to Thee. All the crying, all the sighing, Of Thy child, accepted be.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee. Let me find Thee, wounded healer, suffering Lord.

repeat

#### Let Me Find Thee

Words: Joachim Neander Music: Matthew S. Smith © 2012 detuned radio music Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

# God feeds us with His Word

**Exodus 20:17** 

**Sermon Text** 

Isaiah 40:8

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Today's sermon is given by Rev. Leon Brown, Pastor of Crown & Joy Presbyterian Church. Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

People: Praise be to God!

#### Sermon

this space to take notes or write questions.

We encourage you to use

# **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**

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

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.

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

# **Song of Communion**

There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain.
There is power, there is power in His name.
There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made,
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

So praise the God who saves! Praise the God who bled! Praise the God who was nailed to a tree, And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body, raised that third day.
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

There is hope pouring out of the tomb where He lay, Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

chorus

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And wore our sins...

chorus

#### God Who Saves

Words and music: Aaron Senseman © 2001 Stuntman Music We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

#### Blessed Be Your Name

Words and music: Matt and Beth Redman © 2002 Thankyou Music

Job 1:21-22 Psalm 113:2-3 Daniel 2:20-23

# **Song of Rejoicing**

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name! Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name! Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering, Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say,

chorus (x2)

You give and take away, You give and take away, My heart will choose to say "Lord, blessed be Your name."

repeat

chorus

#### **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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