



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"Our church communities ought to be cities of refuge for sinners, busy with the traffic of forgiveness, busy with people learning the 'craft' of forgiveness – ordinarily by getting apprenticed to a master forgiver or two."

- Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

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.

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

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

Ezekiel 34:11-15

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

I once was lost in sin,
but Jesus took me in.
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.
Well He bathed my heart in love,
and He wrote my name above.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.

He will hear our faintest cry,
He will answer by and by.

When you feel a little prayerful yearning,
You will know a little fire is burning.

Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,
And your eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches
day and night.
He wrote my name above,
And he bathed my heart in love.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

chorus

chorus

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *"For thus says the Lord GOD:
Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.*

People: ***As a shepherd seeks out his flock
when he is among his sheep that have been scattered,
so will I seek out my sheep,***

Leader: *and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick darkness.*

People: ***And I will bring them out from the peoples
and gather them from the countries,
and will bring them into their own land.***

Leader: *And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines,
and in all the inhabited places of the country.*

People: ***I will feed them with good pasture,
and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land.***

Leader: *There they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.*

People: ***I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I myself will make them lie down,
declares the Lord GOD."***

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)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Ashael Nettleton
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v2: "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.

v3: fetter = chain or shackle placed on the feet

Scripture Reading

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 10:30-37

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

Please read together.

Acts 10:43

In Christ Alone

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You told us to love You with our whole being, but we did not.
We fled from You in unbelief.
You told us to love our neighbor, but we have not.
Instead of loving them, we have, at times, wished harm upon them.
Instead of speaking well of them, we have gossiped.
Instead of reconciling with our neighbors, we have held on to bitterness.
Instead of giving, we have taken. Instead of forgiving, we have sought revenge.
Forgive us our sins, and give us faith to trust You.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

All the prophets testify about Jesus Christ that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

Song of Renewal

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Brought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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: Compassion International, relief through child sponsorship

The Northside: Jobs For Life, a vocational development program

Our church: "Healthy Communication Patterns in Groups" workshop with Lisa Ould next Saturday

Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the mercy fund in a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored baskets.

The mercy fund is used for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Matthew 5:7

Sermon Text

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

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. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

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.

Song of Communion

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

Rock of Ages

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

God sends us out refreshed

Salvation to the Lamb

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Justin Smith*

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*“Salvation belongs to our
God who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”
- Rev 7:10*

*v3: The “paschal lamb” was
sacrificed at the first Pass-
over. Here Jesus is spoken of
as the perfect Paschal Lamb
whose blood completely
atones for sin.*

*At the end of the service,
please pick up your children
from the nursery.*

Songs of Rejoicing

Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,
And raise thy drooping head
Come sing with all poor sinners here,
Jesus, who once was dead

Salvation sing no word more meet
To join to Jesus' name
Let every thankful tongue repeat
“Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!”

Saints from the garden to the cross
Your conquering Lord pursue
Who, dearly to redeem your loss
Groaned, bled, and died for you

Now reigns victorious over death
The glorious great I Am
Let every soul repeat with faith
“Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!”

When we incurred the wrath of God,
Alas! What could be worse?
He came, and with His heart's own blood,
Redeemed us from the curse

This Paschal Lamb, His blood can meet,
And cleanse ye from each stain
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat
“Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!
Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!”

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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