



northside church

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Meditation

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, *"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."* (2 Corinthians 6:16 ESV)

That at times Christ can be referred to as the 'cornerstone' of the temple and, at other times, the temple itself is not inconsistent. The former picture underscores that he is the foundation of the eschatological temple, while the latter affirms that he is the fulfillment of the prophecies of the temple, and he is the substance which the Old Testament temples foreshadowed.

- G.K. Beale

*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.

**Every Ditch,
Every Valley**

Words and music:
Peter La Grand
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Isaiah 40

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**Psalm 72:1-4, 12-14,
18-19**

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

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.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!*

**People: *May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!***

Leader: *For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.*

**People: *From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.***

Leader: *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.*

**People: *Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!***

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
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Psalm 72

Scripture Reading

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 15:1-11

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

Please read together.

Romans 5:1

God of My Life, To Thee I Call

Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
Murphy and Benj Pocta
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Music

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, when we are honest about ourselves, we have to admit that we sin 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.

Keep us from treating Your patience as permissiveness.

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.

In His name, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Tanisha Webster, serving with Serge in London

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation, new mentor development

Our church: Young Women's Academy, getting started

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy;

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom
for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"

The nations will sing songs of joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

chorus

Psalm 126

Words and music: unknown

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

Ephesians 2:19-22

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by Assistant Pastor P.D.
Mayfield.*

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

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

Song of Communion

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb that was slain.

Joy and peace, strength and hope,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Truth revealed, my future sealed,
healed my pain.

Love and freedom, life and warmth,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Rescued my soul, my stronghold,
lifts me from shame.

Forgiveness, security, power and love,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Jesus What a Beautiful Name

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Tanya Riches

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2 Thessalonians 1:12

Colossians 3:17

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

God sends us out refreshed

The Doxology

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Song 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.

It Is Finished

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Murphy
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Music*

"It is finished!" – Sinners, hear it!
Tis the dying Victor's cry;
"It is finished!" – Angels bear it,
Bear the joyful truth on high:

"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!
"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station,
Bars the sinner's peace no more.
Justice views with **approbation**
What the Savior did and bore.

Grace and mercy now display their boundless store.
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"It is finished!" – All is over,
Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.
Such the truth these words discover,
Thus the victory was obtained.

'Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.
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Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown Him,
Who His people's foes o'ercame!
In the highest heaven enthrone Him,
Men and angels sound His fame!

Great His glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.
Great His glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.

repeat

*"Approbation" is an
expression of warm
approval.*

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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