



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Adoption was not a divine afterthought. It was in the triune God's mind and heart before the first tick of human history's clock. Adoption therefore predates the universe itself. Only God and his triune love are "bigger" than adoption.

- Dan Cruver, *Reclaiming Adoption: Missional Living Through the Rediscovery of Abba Father*

*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.

All Who Call

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Romans 10:12-13
Luke 1:37

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Psalm 24:1-2, 7-10

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.
You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,
You are near to all who call
upon Your name.
Savior, Healer,
You are near to all who call
upon Your name.

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.
You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

chorus (x2)

Nothing is impossible for You.
Heaven and earth are at Your command.
Nothing is impossible for You.
You are the great I AM.

repeat

chorus (x2)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,*

**People: *for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.***

Leader: *Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

People: *Who is this King of glory?*

Leader: *The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!*

**People: *Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.***

Leader: *Who is this King of glory?*

People: *The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

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, 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, Alleluia!

repeat

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Words: Francis of Assisi,
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,
1623*

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Scripture Reading

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 19:11-22

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

Please read together.

Romans 5:9

Faithful

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Music: Alex Mejias,
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Leader: Lord, we confess that our thoughts, attitudes, and actions fall short of Your commands.
Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring You and neglecting others.

People: **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Leader: Savior, You laid down Your life for us, and poured out Your Spirit upon us,
yet we find ourselves overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

People: **Have mercy and deliver us.**

Leader: Through faith in Christ, You give us a sure hope and secure love,
but we chase the false hopes and securities of this world.

People: **Have mercy and change us.**

Leader: Father, through the redeeming death of Your Son on the cross,
and by the power of Your Spirit, transform and renew us to follow You with joy.

People: **All this we ask, confident in Your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Song of Renewal

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.

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, transitioned back to Richmond

The Northside: CARITAS, at Battery Park Christian Church this week

Our church: Young Women's Academy, preparing to start

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Wisdom cries out in the street,
In the square she raises her voice.
At the center of town you can hear her speak,
Over all the other noise. She says:

"How long O simple ones?
How long will you ignore?
Wake up you walking dead,
Open your ears to the Lord!"

My child do not forget,
The path I show to you.
All other ways only lead to death,
Ways so easy to choose.

Trust in the Lord only,
With all your heart and mind.
Then you shall not stumble,
All that you seek you shall find.

"How long O simple ones?
How long will you ignore?
Wake up you walking dead,
Open your ears to the Lord!"

Wisdom cries out in the street,
In the square she raises her voice.

How Long?

*Words and music:
Peter La Grand
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Proverbs 1-3

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

God feeds us with His Word

Ephesians 1:3-12

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.*

Sermon Text

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

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

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

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God.
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,
And I, His grace, record.

Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,
And there, it dwells for me.
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,
With treasures rich and free.

Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet,
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness, I roam,
His mercies, I'll proclaim.
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
For, He for me was slain.
And me, with all the heavenly throng,
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

chorus

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God.
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,
And I, His grace, record.

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.

Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is

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Music: Sandra McCracken
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We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

Blessed Be Your Name

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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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