



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"As a community we are called to make sense of the gospel to the watching world. When people want to know what it's like to live under the reign of God, they ought to be able to point to the Christian community and say, "That's what it's like.""

- Wes Roberts and Glenn Marshall, *Reclaiming God's Original Intent for the Church*

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.

Greater Is He Who Is In Us

Words, music: Kirk Ward
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1 John 4:4

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God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Psalm 63:1-5

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

Greater is He who is in us,
Greater is He who is in us,
Greater is He who is in us
Than he who is in the world.
repeat

I will fight, fight, fight for the Kingdom.
I will praise, praise, praise the Holy One.
I will never run from the struggle.
For His work on the cross is already done.

chorus

I will fight fight fight... for the Kingdom.
I will praise praise praise... the Holy One.
I will never run... from the struggle.
For His work on the cross is already done.
repeat

chorus

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You;
my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

People: *I have seen You in the sanctuary
and beheld Your power and Your glory.
Because Your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify You.*

Leader: *I will praise You as long as I live,
and in Your name I will lift up my hands.*

People: *My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise You.*

Song of Praise

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,
weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth
is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.
repeat

Come Ye Sinners

*Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Matthew Smith
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Scripture Reading

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 16:1-10

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 3:18a

Jesus My Great High Priest

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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

“dear Surety” is referring to Jesus, derived from Hebrews 7:22:

*“by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant.” (NKJV)*

Other translations choose the word ‘guarantor.’ Either way, it means that Jesus is the sure foundation for reconciliation with God.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, though You guide and protect us as our Shepherd, we flee from You. Though You rule heaven and earth as King, we give our all to our tiny kingdom. Though You comfort us as the Prince of Peace, we console ourselves with our sins. Though Your cross has made peace, we foolishly war against You and one another. Though You declare “New creation!” we just prefer the old. Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us. Lord Jesus Christ, deliver us from our sins. Holy Spirit, renew us after the image of our Creator. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Song of Renewal

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow’ful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety’s hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father’s broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set -
My Surety paid the dreadful debt,
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,
and I have confidence,
For Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered His blood and died...
Now I approach the throne,
and I have confidence,
For Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn His heart, His love, away
Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death
and pow’rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conqu’ring pow’r and guardian grace;
His conqu’ring pow’r and guardian grace.

chorus

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: Christ School in Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Northside Outreach Center, a ministry in Highland Park

Our church: Northside Groups, which are now getting started - join one!

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Jesus, everlasting King,
accept the tribute which we bring,
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown.

chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

chorus

O that the months would roll away,
And bring the coronation day.
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,
With all His Father's glories on.

chorus

O send Your Spirit to impart,
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above,
We first received Your pledge of love.

chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

Jesus Everlasting King

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

Philippians 1:1-5

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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations and circle it with others in a group of about 6. Step forward and take a cup and a piece of bread, and a communion distributor will pour wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. 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

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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of the Lamb who was slain.
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And wore our sins...

chorus

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.

God Who Saves

Words and music: Aaron Senseman

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

God sends us out refreshed

The Doxology

*Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Louis Bourgeois
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Songs 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.

But For You Who Fear My Name

*Words and music: Leonard
E. Smith Jr.
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Jerusalem Music*

But for you who fear My Name,
The Son of righteousness will rise
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,
And skip about like calves
Coming from their stalls at last.

You shall be My very own,
On the day that I
Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man
Has compassion on his son
Who does the best he can.

Malachi 4:2; 3:17

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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