



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end submit with ever fiber of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*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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Psalms 86:8-12

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: *There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.*

People: *All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.*

Leader: *Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.*

People: *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God,
with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.*

Song of Praise

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord,
And truth eternal is Thy Word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

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!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Words: Isaac Watts (v 1-2),
Robert Spence (v 3), and
Thomas Ken (v 4)
Music: Alex Mejias
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Scripture Reading

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

2 Samuel 7:8-13

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:6

Great God From Thee

*Words: John Newton
Music: Justin Smith
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

O Lord our God, You know us better than we know ourselves,
and nothing is hidden from You.

Though we call You our Lord, we act as if we are still in charge.

Though we call You our Treasure, we hoard and idolize our possessions.

Though we call You our Savior, we pretend like we can handle our own problems.

Give us true repentance, and forgive us all our sins.

Restore us and transform us by Your Spirit to live as we ought:

Loving You wholeheartedly, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

For our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Song of Renewal

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear,
What in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear,
Most holy God to Thee?

But since my Savior stands between,
In garments dyed in blood,
'Tis He instead of me is seen,
When I approach to God.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe,
He pleads before the throne,

His life and death in my behalf,
And calls my sins His own.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Announcement and Prayer - 2014 Northside Church Retreat, 6pm Friday, April 25 - 10am Sunday, April 27 at Twin Lakes State Park in Burkeville, VA

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 basket.

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

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!

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!

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!

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!

You Alone Are God

*Words and music:
Shai Linne*

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

Matthew 16:13-28

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

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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.

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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

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

Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is

*Words: William Gadsby
Music: Sandra McCracken
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Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,
And there, it dwells for me.
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,
With treasures rich and free.

"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."

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

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.

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

God sends us out refreshed

Victory In Jesus

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Eugene Monroe Bartlett
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Song of Rejoicing

I heard an old, old story,
how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,
my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again
and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
to me the victory.

chorus

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold
beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing,
and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him
the song of victory.

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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