



northside church

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Meditation

Love will not grow if you check out and give in to the seductive call of bitterness and cynicism- or seek comfort elsewhere. We have to hang in there with the story that God has permitted in our lives. As we endure, as we keep showing up for life when it makes no sense, we learn to love, and God shows up too.

- Paul Miller, *A Loving Life*

*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.

Oh Give Thanks

Words and music:
Judith McAllister

Psalm 118:1

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Psalm 150

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!
For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

People: *Praise him for his mighty deeds;*
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Leader: *Praise him with trumpet sound;*
praise him with lute and harp!

People: *Praise him with tambourine and dance;*
praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: *Praise him with sounding cymbals;*
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*
Praise the Lord!

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

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 3:14-19

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

Please read together.

Acts 13:38-39

Depth of Mercy

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint
Wells, Brian T. Murphy
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Music*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

God and Father, You have called us to be Your followers and have made us one family.
Yet we have not lived as one, and have not loved You with our whole person.
Ambition has driven us, and we have chosen not to care for others when it is inconvenient.
Pride has gripped us, and we have promoted ourselves rather than worship You.
Fear has reigned in us, and we have tried to control You and manipulate others.

O Lord, forgive us for our many sins through the sacrifice of Christ.
Subdue everything in us that is contrary to Your purposes.
By Your Spirit, make us a community that is eager to do Your will and to walk in Your ways.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Song of Renewal

Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear,
me, the chief of sinners, spare?
I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked Him to His face,
Would not hearken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I have spilt His precious blood,
trampled on the Son of God,
Filled with pangs unspeakable,
I, who yet am not in hell!
I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified,
And profaned His hallowed Name,
put Him to an open shame.

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood!
He disarms the wrath of God;
Now my Father's mercies move,
justice lingers into love.
There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Pity from Thine eye let fall,
by a look my soul recall;
Now the stone to flesh convert,
cast a look, and break my heart.
Now incline me to repent,
let me now my sins lament,
Now my foul revolt deplore,
weep, believe, and sin no more.

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

New Member Vows - Kelsi Drake

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,
early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with Thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Words:

Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

Music:

William B. Bradbury, 1859

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repeat

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

God feeds us with His Word

Ruth 4:17-22

17 And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, 19 Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, 20 Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, 21 Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, 22 Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

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.*

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!
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!
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

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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

But For You Who Fear My Name

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E. Smith Jr.*

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Jerusalem Music*

Malachi 4:2; 3:17

Song of Rejoicing

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.

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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