



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

"We somehow think the Church is here for us. We forget that we are the Church and we are here for the world."

*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:  
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Isaiah 40

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**Psalm 18:1-4, 6, 30-31**

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: *I love you, O LORD, my strength.  
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

**People: *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.***

Leader: *In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.*

**People: *From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.***

Leader: *This God – his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

**People: *For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?***

## Song of Praise

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you,  
and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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### *How Firm a Foundation*

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Music: Early American  
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*Isaiah 41:10; 43:2  
2 Corinthians 12:9  
Hebrews 13:5*

## Scripture Reading

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"*

*And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"*

*Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."*

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

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

*Please read together.*

**1 Peter 2:24**

**Amazing Grace**

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and John Rees  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

King of Glory, You came to us as true peace in the midst of our warfare,  
as true freedom to release us from our bondage to sin,  
as true refuge from our unrest and affliction.

Yet we have rebelled from Your authority,  
and negotiated with the enemy with our secret sins and proud skepticism.  
For our treason, You died; for our restoration, You rose again.

Draw us close to You this week and renew our allegiance,  
increase our faith, amaze us with Your grace,  
and make us willing and able to follow You. Amen

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.*

## Song of Renewal

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we'd first begun.

# 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 - Natalie Waters

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Come Holy Spirit, come  
Let Thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds,  
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,  
Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wondering view reveal  
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breast the flame  
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,  
Our minds from bondage free;  
Then we shall know, and praise, and love  
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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## ***Come Holy Spirit, Come***

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

**Mark 5:1-20**

*They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. 2 And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3 He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, 4 for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. 7 And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." 8 For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" 9 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." 10 And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, 12 and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." 13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.*

*14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 16 And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. 17 And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. 18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.*

**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  
Andrew Conrad, Pastor of  
Spring Run Presbyterian  
Church and member of the  
oversight commission of  
Northside Church.*

## Sermon

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

# 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

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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And wore our sins...

*chorus*

*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.*

## **God Who Saves**

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## **The Doxology**

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## **It Is Finished**

*Words: Thomas Kelly  
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*“Approbation” is an  
expression of warm  
approval.*

## **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!” – 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*

## **Benediction**

### **About**

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://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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