



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"In some ways biblically-based churches find it easier to deal with false teaching. But personal differences can be almost as deadly, dividing the fellowship, sowing seeds of bitterness, diverting attention from central issues to sometimes petty, peripheral concerns, sucking energy that should be employed in building up believers and in reaching out to the community."

- Sinclair Ferguson

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

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.

Every Ditch, Every Valley

Words and music:
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A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.

Psalm 96:1-10a

Please stand if able.

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

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!*

People: *Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Leader: *Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

People: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

Leader: *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.*

People: *Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

Leader: *Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

People: *Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"*

Song of Praise

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue
to Him their hearts enthrall.

Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
we at His feet may fall,

Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all,

Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Words: Edward Perronet,
John Rippon*

*Music: Oliver Holden
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Scripture Reading

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. **Matthew 7:3-5**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Please read together.

Daniel 9:9,18b

By Thy Mercy

*Words: James Cummins
Music: Greg Thompson
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We often break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. Forgive us, we pray.

We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for your Son to lead us into closer fellowship with you and with each other. May we abide in you and receive grace and peace. Even now, dependent on that grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . .
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

Song of Renewal

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
bend from heaven Thy gracious ear.
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness,
from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
from the pride that lurks within.

By Thy mercy, O deliver us,
good Lord, good Lord.
By Thy mercy, O deliver us,
good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,
in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
in each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,
in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
in the day of health and peace.

chorus

In the weary hours of sickness,
in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
when all human help is vain,

In the solemn hour of dying,
in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on Thee relying,
find Thee still our rock and stay.

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: Church plant in Prague, Czech Republic

The Northside: Young Lives, a ministry to teenage mothers

Our church: "Unpacking the 2010 Census" presentation next Tuesday

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Through the love of God our Savior,
all will be well.

Free and changeless is His favor,
all is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.

Ours is such a full salvation,
all is well.

Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well.

Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
all is well.

On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying,
All must be well.

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All Must Be Well

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alt by Matthew S. Smith*

*Music by Matthew S. Smith.
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 5:9

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
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

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.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

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

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies.

Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

chorus

Lord of all to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

chorus

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

chorus

For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

chorus

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,

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.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Music: Conrad Kocher
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Ruther-
ford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
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Music.*

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.
Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.
I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

*At the end of the service,
please pick up your children
from the nursery.*

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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