



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

It probably isn't as important to say 'you need a heart for God' as it is to say 'you need to know God's heart for you'. The gospel isn't about your goodness or your work, it's about Christ's goodness and work for you.

- Steve Brown

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

### ***Thou Poor, Afflicted, Tempted Soul***

Words: John Berridge  
Music: Brian T. Murphy &  
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### ***Psalm 148:1-6***

*Please stand if able.*

# **We gather in the presence of God**

## **Song of Gathering**

Thou poor, afflicted, tempted soul,  
With fears, and doubts, and tempests tossed.  
What if the billows rise and roll,  
And dash thy ship, it is not lost.

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,  
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.  
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What ails those eyes bedewed with tears?  
Those laboring sighs that heave thy breast?  
Those oft repeated, broken prayers?  
Dost thou not long for Jesus' rest?

And can the Lord pass heedless by,  
And see a mourning sinner die?  
And can the Lord pass heedless by,  
And see a sad and mourning sinner die?

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,  
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.  
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## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*  
*Praise the Lord from the heavens;*  
*praise him in the heights!*

**People:** *Praise him, all his angels;*  
*praise him, all his hosts!*

Leader: *Praise him, sun and moon,*  
*praise him, all you shining stars!*

**People:** *Praise him, you highest heavens,*  
*and you waters above the heavens!*

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the Lord!*  
*For he commanded and they were created.*

**People:** *And he established them forever and ever;*  
*he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*

## Song of Praise

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

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.

*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*

## *Jesus Everlasting King*

*Words: Isaac Watts  
(alt. by Matthew Smith)  
Music: Matthew Smith  
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## Scripture Reading

*"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Matthew 21:28-32**

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

*Please read together.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

### *Depth of Mercy*

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint  
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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

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

## 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

*The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.*

## Community Life

New Member Vows - Colin and Melanie Reilly

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near.  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Were it ever without Thee.  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,

Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

Dayspring from on high, be near.  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

## *Dayspring*

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Alex Mejias  
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*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

# God feeds us with His Word

**Jonah 3:1-4**

## Sermon Text

*1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"*

**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.*

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.

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.

**Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is**

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Music: Sandra McCracken  
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We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## Days of Elijah

Words and music:  
Robin Mark  
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This song has plenty of rich  
biblical imagery.

For Moses and Elijah in  
connection with the day of  
the Lord and Jesus see  
Malachi 4:4-6, Matthew  
11:13-14, and Matthew  
17:1-13.

For Jesus coming with the  
trumpet call see 1 Thessalo-  
nians 4:16.

For the year of Jubilee, see  
Leviticus 25:10-12.

For the dry bones coming  
alive see Ezekiel 37:1-14.

For the harvest and fields  
see Matthew 9:37-38 and  
John 4:35-36.

## Song of Rejoicing

These are the days of Elijah,  
declaring the word of the Lord.  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,  
righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials,  
of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,  
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call!  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
the dry bones becoming as flesh.  
And these are the days of Your servant, David,  
rebuilding a temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest,  
the fields are as white in Your world,  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,  
declaring the word of the Lord.

*chorus*

There's no God like Jehovah  
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There's no God like Jehovah  
*repeat*

*chorus*

## Benediction

### About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission  
church of the Presbyterian Church in America  
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### Worship Service

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of  
Battery Park Christian Church, located on the  
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Visitors are always welcome!

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