



northside church

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Meditation

Every local church that preaches the true gospel is a part of the most dynamic movement the world will ever know. By the power of God working in the hearts of men, the lowly are great, the weak are mighty, and the mustard seed of faith topples a mountain (Matt. 17:20). The local church is not the B-team – it is ground zero for God’s kingdom work. Join it, serve it, love it, and experience the satisfaction that comes with involvement in the gospel cause that transcends all others.

- Owen Strachan

*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.

All Who Call

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Romans 10:12-13
Luke 1:37

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We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.
You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,
You are near to all who call
upon Your name.
Savior, Healer,
You are near to all who call
upon Your name.

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.
You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

chorus (x2)

Nothing is impossible for You.
Heaven and earth are at Your command.
Nothing is impossible for You.
You are the great I AM.

repeat

chorus (x2)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."*

People: *Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!*

Leader: *You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.*

People: *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.*

Psalm 89:1-2, 5, 13-16

Please stand if able.

Song of Praise

Before I knew what freedom was,
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.
He knew me in my mother's womb,
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.
I was defeated in my sins,
death had the victory.
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,
That day on Calvary.
Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I Knew

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Scripture Reading

The LORD said to Moses, "When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his life to the LORD when you number them, that there be no plague among them when you number them. Each one who is numbered in the census shall give this: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as an offering to the LORD. Everyone who is numbered in the census, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the LORD's offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when you give the LORD's offering to make atonement for your lives. You shall take the atonement money from the people of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD, so as to make atonement for your lives."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Exodus 30:11-16

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

Please read together.

2 Corinthians 5:17

*How Deep the Father's
Love For Us*

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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,
possessions diminish our love for You,
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. 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

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turned His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one,
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

repeat

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 - Allison Sharkey and Emma Stephens

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Wisdom cries out in the street,
In the square she raises her voice.
At the center of town you can hear her speak,
Over all the other noise. She says:

“How long O simple ones?
How long will you ignore?
Wake up you walking dead,
Open your ears to the Lord!”

My child do not forget,
The path I show to you.
All other ways only lead to death,
Ways so easy to choose.

Trust in the Lord only,
With all your heart and mind.
Then you shall not stumble,
All that you seek you shall find.

“How long O simple ones?
How long will you ignore?
Wake up you walking dead,
Open your ears to the Lord!”

Wisdom cries out in the street,
In the square she raises her voice.

How Long?

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Proverbs 1-3

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Matthew 17:14-27

14 And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, 15 said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." 17 And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

24 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the tax?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?" 26 And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

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
Tim Rice, Senior Pastor at
Trinity Presbyterian Church
in Lakeland, FL.

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

We love our God,
He always hears us when we cry,
His peace is so complete,
His love is so divine.

Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We love our God,
we'll live and die to see His fame,
There's nothing greater than
the glory of His Name.

chorus

We love our God,
we long to see His Kingdom come,
And on that day then
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

chorus (x2)

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

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.

We Love Our God

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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

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Murphy
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Music*

*“Approbation” is an
expression of warm
approval.*

Songs 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.
Grace and mercy now display their boundless store.

“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.
‘Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.

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), 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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