



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

[Jesus's disciples] are to make a radical break with security and possessions, with the customs and habits of everyday life. . . Discipleship is quite simply extended training in being dispossessed. To become followers of Jesus means that we must, like him, be disposed of all that we think gives us power over our own lives and the lives of others.

- Stanley Hauerwas

*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.*

The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.

Our God

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Romans 8:31
Psalm 135:5

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Psalm 148:1-6

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

Water You turned into wine,
opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine,
out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger.
God, You are higher than any other!
Our God is healer, awesome in power -
Our God, our God!

And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?

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

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us, sing,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

repeat

Confession of Sin

Generous God, You sent us the Spirit of courage, but we act out of fear.
You sent us the Spirit of truth, but we often trust lies instead.
You sent us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Now our hearts are suspicious, our minds are confused, and our faith is timid.

Hear our confession, and come near to us with mercy.
We hold out to You all our particular burdens of guilt and sin.
Help us rest in Your forgiveness, and rejoice in Your power to change sinners.
Teach us to love You with our whole being, and to walk in Your ways. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*This is love: not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Words: Francis of Assisi,
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,
1623*

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Psalm 148

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

1 John 4:10

Jesus My Great High Priest

Words: Isaac Watts
(chorus by Kirk Ward)
Music: Kirk Ward
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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

“Surety” is referring to Jesus, derived from Hebrews 7:22: “by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant.” (NKJV)
It means that Jesus’ work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.

Being reconciled with God through Christ enables us to seek peace with each other and participate in His work.

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

Song of Renewal

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow’rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety’s hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father’s broken laws.
Behold my soul, at freedom set -
My **Surety** paid the dreadful debt,
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,
and I have confidence,
For Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered His blood and died...
Now I approach the throne,
and I have confidence,
For Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn His heart, His love, away
Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death
and pow’rs of hell unknown,
Put their most dreadful forms
of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conqu’ring power and guardian grace;
His conqu’ring power and guardian grace.

chorus

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

New Member Vows: Brandon Smith

Offering

Scripture Reading

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Luke 9:57-62

Song of Preparation

My God is awesome, He can move mountains,

Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.

My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,

Strength where I've been weakened,

forever He will reign.

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty!

Awesome, awesome!

He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, He's holy!

Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,
awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,
awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!

Awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!

Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world

Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed.

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,

His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name!

Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!

Awesome, awesome!

chorus

Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer!

Awesome, awesome!

Awesome

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Charles Jenkins

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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

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

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, nut-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

Bread of heaven, sent down from glory,
Many things you were on Earth:
A Holy King, a carpenter.
You are the living Word.

Awesome Ruler, gentle Redeemer,
God with us, the Living Truth,
And what a friend we have in You.
You are the living Word.

Jesus, Jesus - that's what we call You,
Manger born, put on a tree,
You died to save humanity.
You are the living Word!

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.

You Are the Living Word

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*John 1:1, 6:35
Matthew 21:5*

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

God sends us out refreshed

How Great Thou Art

*Words and music:
Stuart K. Hine
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Song of Rejoicing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

chorus

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
“My God, how great Thou art!”

chorus (x2)

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in October 2011.

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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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