



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Oh, the arrogant pride of thinking that by our “good parenting” we can take credit for what you alone can graciously do in the lives of our children. Oh, the arrogant unbelief of assuming that by our “bad parenting” we’ve forever limited what you’ll be able to accomplish in the future. Oh, the undue pressure our children must feel when we parent more out of fear than faith; more out of rules than relationship; more out of and pride than patience; more out of comparison than covenant; more out of threats than theology. Forgive us. Free us. Focus us.

Father, since our children and grandchildren are your inheritance, teach us how to care for them as humble stewards, not as anxious owners. More than anything else, show us how to parent and grandparent in a way that best reveals the unsearchable riches of Jesus in the gospel. We want the gospel to be beautiful and believable to our children.

Give us quick repentances and observable kindnesses. Grant us confidence that you can redeem our past parental failures. Convict us quickly and surely when we don’t relate to your covenant children, “in line with the truth of the gospel” (Gal. 2:14). So very Amen we pray, in Jesus’ faithful and powerful name.

—“A Prayer for Gospel Parenting,” Scotty Smith

*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.

Oh Give Thanks

Words and music:
Judith McAllister

Psalm 118:1

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Psalm 148:1-6

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!
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For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!
For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!

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

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Words: Francis of Assisi,
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,
1623*

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Psalm 148

Scripture Reading

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

*“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.*

*For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”*

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 12:4-11

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 2:24

It Is Well With My Soul

*Words: Horatio G. Spafford
Music: Philip P. Bliss
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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

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well),
with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin – oh, the joy of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul!

chorus

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

chorus (x2)

It is well, it is well with my soul!

We respond to the grace received

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Hunter and Adrienne Thompson, Northsiders who moved to Rwanda

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation, tutoring/mentoring ministry to at-risk children in the Northside

Our church: Mercy Response Team, getting started

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
Music: Hiram Ring
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Ephesians 6:4

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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

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

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, 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.

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Song of Communion

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

chorus

He Knows My Name

*Words and music:
Tommy Walker
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We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

But For You Who Fear My Name

Words and music: Leonard
E. Smith Jr.
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Jerusalem Music

Malachi 4:2; 3:17

Songs of Rejoicing

But for you who fear My Name,
The Son of righteousness will rise
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,
And skip about like calves
Coming from their stalls at last.

You shall be My very own,
On the day that I
Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man
Has compassion on his son
Who does the best he can.

Every Praise

Words and music: Hezekiah
Walker, John David Bratton
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Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise is to our God!
Sing hallelujah to our God,
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.
repeat

God my Savior! God my Healer!
God my Deliverer! Yes He is, yes He is!
repeat

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise...
is to our God!

Benediction

About

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

Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery
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