

northside church of RICHMOND

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Meditation

The Scriptures are not so much the goal as they are an arrow that points us to the life-changing Christ.

- Jim Cymbala

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.

We Are Not Overcome

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Lamentations 3

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Psalm 100

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;

Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.

Night will fall, the light will fade;

The Lord will give and take away.

Because of His great love,

We are not overcome!

Because of His great love,

We are not overcome!

chorus

Have no fear for your life, Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.

Bear the yoke of love and death,

The Lord will give life and breath.

chorus (x2)

Put no trust in the earth, In the sod you stand upon. Flowers fade into dust; The Lord will make a place for us.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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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Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-7

Scripture Reading

Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

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.

We confess our sin and receive grace

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

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Song of Renewal

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Isaiah 53:5

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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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 - David and Renee Kunnen Baptism - Emma Grace Kunnen

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Your presence is here, Your presence is here. We no longer need a temple, for Your Spirit to draw near. When we gather here together, Your word has made it clear, that this place is holy ground For Your presence is here.

Your mercy is here, Your mercy is here. We no longer make atonement, for Your mercy to draw near. The blood of Christ has cleansed us, Your word has made it clear, that we are a holy people for Your mercy is here.

Your justice is here, Your justice is here.
We no longer fear oppression
for Your justice will draw near.
We're a light unto the nations,
Your word has made it clear
that we have a holy purpose,
for your justice is here.

Your presence is here, Your presence is here. We no longer need a temple, for Your Spirit to draw near. When we gather here together, Your word has made it clear, that this place is holy ground...

and we are a holy people...

and we have a holy purpose, For Your presence is here.

Your Presence Is Here

Words and music: Kirk Ward © 2008 Kirk Ward Music Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

Matthew 21:1-17

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Raun Swafford, ordained teaching elder in the PCA, former Senior Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church (PCA) in Memphis, TN.

We encourage you to use this space to take notes or write questions.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" 17 And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

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

Song of Communion

I see the King of glory

Coming down the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes. Stirring as we pray and seek

I see His love and mercy Washing over all our sin

The people sing, the people sing.

Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

I see a generation Rising up to take their place With selfless faith, with selfless faith. I see a near revival

We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

chorus

Heal my heart and make it clean. Open up my eyes to the things unseen. Show me how to love like You have loved me. Break my heart for what breaks Yours, Everything I am for Your kingdom come. As I walk from earth into eternity.

chorus (x2)

Hosanna

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John 12:13 Mark 11:9-10 Matthew 21:9 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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"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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