



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. - Philippians 1:21

"That does not mean we never think about anyone or anything else; but it does mean that we never think about them without remembering that we belong to Christ. Everything we have, all we are - are his." - Sinclair Ferguson

"Paul asserts that living has no meaning apart from Christ; he is the object, motive, inspiration and goal of all that the apostle does." - Peter O'Brien

"Don't waste your life ." - John Piper

*Readings to help you engage with God and worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."*

*When you hear the first song begin, please come take a seat and continue preparing for worship by praying, reading the meditation quotes above, or singing along.*

## ***Just a Little Talk With Jesus***

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*God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.*

***Psalm 18:1-4, 6, 30-31***

*Please stand if able.*

## **Song of Gathering**

I once was lost in sin,  
but Jesus took me in.  
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.  
Well He bathed my heart in love,  
and He wrote my name above.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,  
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.  
He will hear our faintest cry,  
He will answer by and by.  
When you feel a little prayerful yearning,  
You will know a little fire is burning.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,  
And your eyes be filled with tears,  
But Jesus is a friend who watches  
day and night.  
He wrote my name above,  
And he bathed my heart in love.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

*chorus*

*verse 1*

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

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Leader:** *I love you, O LORD, my strength.  
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

**People:** *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.*

**Leader:** *In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.*

**People:** *From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.*

**Leader:** *This God – his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

**People:** *For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?*

## Song of Praise

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you,  
and cause you to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials  
your pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

That soul, though all hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

### *How Firm a Foundation*

*Words: John Rippon  
Music: Early American  
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## Scripture Reading

*For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Galatians 2:19-21*

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

*Please read together.*

*Romans 8:1-2*

### *Depth of Mercy*

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint  
Wells, Brian T. Murphy  
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Music*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Lord and Father, every faculty I have betrays my sin:

My mouth boasts and speaks ill of others; my mind is self-obsessed and confused.

My eyes find things to covet; my ears hear compliments rather than the needs of others.

My hands serve myself and grab for more; my feet dig in their heels against Your calling.

All this comes from a heart that doubts Your love and seeks its own glory.

Wretched person that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Only Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is mine by grace through faith.

Forgive my sin and renew me, for Jesus' sake and for Your glory.

Through the Holy Spirit, make me more like Him in my thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

## 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

### Prayers of the People

The world: Christ School in Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Young Lives, a ministry to teenage mothers

Our church: Urban Fellows Program, discernment for potential participants

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Greater is He who is in us,  
Greater is He who is in us,  
Greater is He who is in us  
Than he who is in the world.  
*repeat*

*chorus*

I will fight fight fight... for the Kingdom.  
I will praise praise praise... the Holy One.  
I will never run... from the struggle.  
For His work on the cross is already done.

*repeat*

I will fight, fight, fight for the Kingdom.  
I will praise, praise, praise the Holy One.  
I will never run from the struggle.  
For His work on the cross is already done.

*chorus*

***Greater Is He Who Is In Us***

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*1 John 4:4*

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

***Philippians 1:18b-26***

***Isaiah 40:8***

*Today's sermon is given  
by Clint Dowda, pastor of  
Grace Community Presby-  
terian Church and member  
of the commission which  
oversees Northside Church.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.*

*25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.*

**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

## 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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations and circle it with others in a group of about 6. Step forward and take a cup and a piece of bread, and a communion distributor will pour wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children.

There is a person at the back of the fellowship hall ready to pray with and for you, if desired.

## 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.

Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,  
And there, it dwells for me.  
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,  
With treasures rich and free.

Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet,  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness, I roam,  
His mercies, I'll proclaim.  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

"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."

*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.

*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be present and prayed for during communion meal should pick them up at this time.*

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

*Communion at Northside is a patient, relaxed time. As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

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

*Words: William Gadsby  
Music: Sandra McCracken  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Salvation to the Lamb**

*Words: Joseph Hart, alt.  
Justin Smith*

*Music: Justin Smith  
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*The title of this song comes  
from Revelation 7:10, which  
depicts the great multitude  
of God's redeemed people  
declaring "Salvation belongs  
to our God who sits on the  
throne, and to the Lamb!"*

*The "paschal lamb" was  
the sacrifice at the first  
Passover.*

*Here Jesus is spoken of as  
the perfect Paschal Lamb  
whose blood completely  
atones for sin.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,  
And raise thy drooping head.  
Come sing with all poor sinners here,  
Jesus, who once was dead.

Salvation sing no word more meet  
To join to Jesus' name.  
Let every thankful tongue repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

Saints from the garden to the cross  
Your conquering Lord pursue,  
Who, dearly to redeem your loss  
Groaned, bled, and died for you.

Now reigns victorious over death,  
The glorious great I Am.  
Let every soul repeat with faith,  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

When we incurred the wrath of God,  
Alas! What could be worse?  
He came, and with His heart's own blood,  
Redeemed us from the curse.

This **Paschal Lamb**, His blood can meet,  
And cleanse ye from each stain.  
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!  
Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

## **Benediction**

### **About**

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

### **Worship Service**

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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