



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.

We gather in the presence of God

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Words: James Montgomery
Music: Henry Smart
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God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Psalm 95:1-7

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light.

chorus

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

chorus

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

People: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Leader: *For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.*

People: *The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.*

Leader: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

People: *For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.*

Song of Praise

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul,

O my soul,

Worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your Holy name!

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

chorus

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words and music:

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

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Psalm 103:1-5

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Advent Reading

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy - the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Luke 1:26-38

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

Please read together.

Matthew 1:20b-21

***Come Thou Long
Expected Jesus***

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Rowland Pritchard
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, You alone are full of grace and truth, but we have not kept watch for You.
We have sought our own glory above Yours.
We have not waited to find Your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of others around us.
We have not acknowledged Your beauty and the love that You have shown us.
Forgive us for our sins against You.
Heavenly Father, help us to yield to the wisdom of Your ways;
Lord Jesus, lead us to live in light of Your coming;
Holy Spirit, give us faith to see that You are truly among us; Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

Song of Renewal

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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

New Member Vows - Amalia Kobelja and Will Wright

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.

verse

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

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

chorus (x2)

All Who Call

*Words and music:
Josh Davis
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*Romans 10:12-13
Luke 1:37*

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

Philippians 2:6-7

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

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

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 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 pow'r and guardian grace;

His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

chorus

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be 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 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.*

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

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Ruther-
ford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
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Music.*

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.

Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.

There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.

Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.

I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

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

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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