



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

For without love one misses the point of a being a Christian in the first place.

- Gordon Fee

We love because he first loved us.

- 1 John 4:19

Lord Jesus, apply the gospel of your love to my cold, hard heart.

- Phil Ryken, *Loving the Way Jesus Loves*

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

### **Gather Them In**

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Zephaniah 3:20,  
Zechariah 9:9

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**Zechariah 9:9-10,16-17**

*Please stand if able.*

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

## **Song of Gathering**

We wait for You to testify,  
To hold the kingdoms to account.  
Your righteous justice shall not fail,  
All those who trust in Your name.

You will gather them in,  
You will bring, bring them home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

You will gather them in,  
You will bring, bring them home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

Sing out, you daughters of Zion,  
And shout aloud, O Israel.  
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,  
He has removed your punishment.

He will gather us in,  
He will bring, bring us home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

He will gather us in,  
He will bring, bring us home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

*repeat*

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you;*

**People: *righteous and having salvation is He,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.***

Leader: *His rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

**People: *On that day the LORD their God will save them,  
as the flock of His people;  
for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on His land.  
For how great is His goodness, and how great His beauty!***

## Song of Praise

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it –  
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my **Ebenezer**,  
hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor,  
daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace, now, like a **fetter**,  
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it –  
seal it for Thy courts above.

*repeat*

## *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Music: Ashael Nettleton  
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*“Ebenezer” means “stone of help.” It was the name of a monument to God’s faithfulness erected by Samuel, a judge of ancient Israel. See 1 Samuel 7:12.*

*A “fetter” is a chain or shackle placed on the feet.*

## Scripture Reading

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## 1 Corinthians 13

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

*Please read together.*

**Romans 5:6,8**

**Mighty To Save**

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*Hebrews 2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Lord, how quickly we forget Your promises to us!

Doubting Your provision for our needs, we chase after possessions and social status.

Denying Your comfort for our pain, we medicate ourselves with detachment or illicit thrills.

Distrusting Your calling for our life, we hoard our blessings from those in need.

This has left us tired, hungry, and anxious. Together we confess and turn again toward You.

Give us faith that You will provide for us, and grateful hearts when we receive.

Convince us that sin does not satisfy, and that life is found only in You.

Lead us in loving others and bearing fruit for Your Kingdom.

Forgive us and renew us, for our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

*God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## Song of Renewal

Everyone needs compassion,

love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,

the kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,

My God is mighty to save,

He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave,

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,

all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,

everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

*chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

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We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

*chorus*

# 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 - Neil and Kayleigh Malpass  
Baptism - Neil Malpass

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity;  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside;  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled;  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest;  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give;  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

## ***Jesus, Cast a Look On Me***

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

**1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Clint Dowda, pastor of  
Grace Community  
Presbyterian Church.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

**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

There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.  
There is love pouring out  
of the wounds that were made,  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body,  
raised that third day.  
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

There is hope pouring out  
of the tomb where He lay,  
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

*chorus*

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of the Lamb who was slain.  
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Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins...

*chorus*

## God Who Saves

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Victory In Jesus**

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## **Song of Rejoicing**

I heard an old, old story,  
how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,  
my Savior, forever!  
He sought me and bought me  
with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him,  
and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory  
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again  
and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
to me the victory.

*chorus*

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him  
the song of victory.

*chorus*

## **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**

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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