



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!

- Andrew Murray

*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.

### **10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

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Psalm 103:1-5

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Luke 1:68-75

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

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*

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,*

**People:** *as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;*

Leader: *to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,*

**People:** *the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."*

## Song of Praise

Jesus, everlasting King,  
accept the tribute which we bring,  
Accept the well-deserved renown  
And wear our praises as Your crown.

O send Your Spirit to impart,  
Rest and repentance to our hearts,  
Like the dear hour when from above,  
We first received Your pledge of love.

*chorus*

The gladness of redemption's day,  
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,  
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,  
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

*chorus*

May every time of worship see  
Your grace revealed more rich and free,  
Till we are raised to sing Your name  
At the great supper of the Lamb.

*chorus*

O that the months would roll away,  
And bring the coronation day.  
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,  
With all His Father's glories on.

*chorus (x2)*

## *Jesus Everlasting King*

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*Matthew 21:1-15*

## Scripture Reading

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

***Philippians 4:4-7***

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

*Please read together.*

*Daniel 9:9, 18*

*Mighty To Save*

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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews  
2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -  
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,  
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,  
possessions diminish our love for You,  
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.  
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;  
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,  
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,  
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.  
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . .  
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

## 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.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

*chorus*

# 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: Syrian refugee crisis

The Northside: Young Men's Academy, ministry to teenage boys

Our church: Church retreat, April 15-17th

### Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket.

The mercy fund is used for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

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

### Song of Preparation

I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

*chorus*

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er,  
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore!

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, this my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*chorus (x2)*

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

#### ***Just a Closer Walk***

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

**Matthew 6:5-15**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given by  
Rev. Frank Matthews,  
Associate Pastor at  
Sycamore Presbyterian  
Church.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

5 *"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

7 *"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:*

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

*10 Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*11 Give us this day our daily bread,*

*12 and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

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

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.

## 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 power and guardian grace;  
His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

*chorus*

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

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

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

### **Jesus My Great High Priest**

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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.*

# 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 (x2)*

## **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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