



northside church

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Meditation

To reach people we must appreciate and adapt to their culture, but we must also challenge and confront it. This is based on the biblical teaching that all cultures have God's grace and natural revelation in them, yet they are also in rebellious idolatry. If we overadapt to a culture, we have accepted the culture's idols. If, however, we underadapt to a culture, we may have turned our own culture into an idol, an absolute. If we overadapt to a culture, we aren't able to change people because we are not calling them to change. If we underadapt to a culture, no one will be changed because no one will listen to us; we will be confusing, offensive, or simply unpersuasive. To the degree a ministry is overadapted or underadapted to a culture; it loses life-changing power.

- Tim Keller

*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.

You Alone Are God

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Jeremiah 23:5-6

The LORD promises that a king from David's lineage would redeem the people of God.

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Before all worlds began,
You are the great I AM,
Father, Spirit, and Son,
Eternal Three-In-One.
Fulfilled within Yourself,
in need of no one else,
Even though all things change,
You still remain the same.
You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass:
a universe so vast.
Most things no eye can see,
Yet still bring You glory.
Although all things are Yours,
You made Yourself so poor.
You left Your awesome throne,
To seek and save Your own.
Mighty is our God!

So blind I had no clue.
Oh, how I ran from You!
Wickedness had me bound,
Until You tracked me down.
Your law revealed my sin,
My corruption within,
It drove me to Your cross,
Where You paid my sin's cost.
Faithful is our God!

Jesus, You died for me,
and now abide in me.
What can I give to You?
Lord, help me live for You!
Help me stay in Your word,
Help me obey You, Lord.
And when we finally meet,
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.
Holy is our God!
Faithful is our God!
Mighty is our God!
You alone are God!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,*

People: *and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*

Leader: *In his days Judah will be saved,
and Israel will dwell securely.*

People: *And this is the name by which he will be called:
'The LORD is our righteousness.'*"

Song of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Jesus Shall Reign

*Words: Isaac Watts
Music: John Hatton
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Psalm 72

Scripture Reading

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 16:1-5

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

Please read together.

Romans 5:6, 8

Rock of Ages

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Music: Thomas Hastings
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord God, every day we are reminded that we fall short of Your character:

You are strong; we are blown about by whim,

You call for justice; we play favorites and prefer comfort,

You are holy through and through; our best efforts are marred by sin and cannot save us.

Oh how we need a Savior to ransom us from bondage!

Thank You for providing exactly what we need in Jesus.

Oh how we need continued renewal in Your image!

Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to continue Your work of salvation.

Forgive us our sins, and lead us to rest in Your grace. 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

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood,

From Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure,

Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Nothing in my hand I bring,

Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Naked come to Thee for dress,

Helpless, look to Thee for grace.

Foul, I to the fountain fly,

Wash me, Savior, or I die!

Not the labors of my hands,

Can fulfill Thy law's demands.

Could my zeal no respite know,

Could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone,

Thou must save, and Thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,

When mine eyes shall close in death,

When I soar to worlds unknown,

See thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee.

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 - Nate and Lexy George

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Because of His great love,
We are not overcome!
Because of His great love,
We are not overcome!

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.

chorus

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

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)

We Are Not Overcome

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Lamentations 3

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

God feeds us with His Word

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Isaiah 40:8

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

People: Praise be to God!

*Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

Sermon

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

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.

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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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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

How Great Thou Art

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Song of Rejoicing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

chorus

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
“My God, how great Thou art!”

chorus (x2)

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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