



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Sexual intimacy outside of marriage is fed by an idolatry that puts pleasure before the commitments of covenant. It breaks God's speed limit by demanding immediate gratification. When this happens love becomes disordered.

- Paul Miller, *A Loving Life*

*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.

### **Oh Give Thanks**

Words and music:  
Judith McAllister

Psalm 118:1

CCLI #: 11107331

Psalm 62:5-8, 11-12a

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## **Song of Gathering**

Oh give thanks unto the Lord,  
For He is good, yes He is good!  
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,  
For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!  
For He is good, yes He is good!  
For He is worthy, worthy!  
For He is good, yes He is good!

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.  
He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

**People: *On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.***

Leader: *Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.*

**People: *Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,  
and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.***

## 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  
melody  
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Isaiah 41:10; 43:2  
2 Corinthians 12:9  
Hebrews 13:5

## Scripture Reading

*"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" - and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

*Please read together.*

**Acts 10:43**

***Jesus! What a Friend for  
Sinners***

*Words: Wilbur Chapman  
Music: Rowland Pritchard  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God, together we confess that our attitudes and actions often do not reflect You. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others, growing bitter if we do not get it. We are preoccupied with our own concerns, ignoring others except when it serves our purposes. And our worship of You recedes when circumstances turn difficult.

Together we repent from our sins and turn to you alone for forgiveness. Jesus, teach us that we only achieve greatness by giving our lives away. Spirit, renew our heart and will, and conform us to the likeness of Christ, Father, be glorified in our lives. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*All the prophets testify about Jesus Christ that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.*

## Song of Renewal

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows over me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

*chorus*

Jesus! I do now adore Him,  
more than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

*chorus*

*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

New Member Vows - Brett and Haley Stonecipher

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy;  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"  
The nations will sing songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping,  
Lord help us keep sowing,  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
for the day You will reap them!  
Your sheaves we will carry,  
Lord please do not tarry.  
All those who sow weeping  
will go out with songs of joy.

*chorus*

**Psalm 126**

*Words and music: unknown*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Ruth 3:14-18**

*14 So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. 16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, 17 saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, 'You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'" 18 She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."*

**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.*

**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

I have a Maker,  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began,  
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls,  
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Maker,  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began,  
My life was in His hands.

I have a Father,  
He calls me His own.  
He'll never leave me,  
No matter where I go.

*chorus*

### *He Knows My Name*

*Words and music:  
Tommy Walker  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## *Every Praise*

*Words and music: Hezekiah  
Walker, John David Bratton  
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## **Song of Rejoicing**

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!  
Sing hallelujah to our God,  
Glory hallelujah is due our God.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

*repeat*

God my Savior!  
God my Healer!  
God my Deliverer!  
Yes He is, yes He is!

*repeat*

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise...  
is to our God!

## **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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