



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul." - GK Chesterton

"Hope is patience with the lamp lit."
- Tertullian

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.

For the Beauty of the Earth

Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint

Music: Conrad Kocher

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A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.

Psalm 98:1-6

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

chorus

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

chorus

For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

chorus

For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

chorus

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!*

People: ***His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.***

Leader: *The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

People: ***He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.***

Leader: *All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

People: ***Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!***

Leader: *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

People: ***With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!***

Song of Praise

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created;

chorus

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God,
all glory in the highest;

chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing.

chorus

O Come All Ye Faithful

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Music: John Francis Wade
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Scripture Reading

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 5:1-5

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

Please read together.

Daniel 9:9,18

*God Rest You Merry,
Gentlemen*

*Author unknown
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor You in our thoughts, words, and deeds.
Depending on our strength, we stumble.
Glorying in our own righteousness, we reject Your generous grace.
In our lust to be first, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us.
We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins;
to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You.
We pray these things in the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. 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

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father,
a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

chorus

"Fear not," then said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Savior,
of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
from Satan's power and might."

chorus

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
all other doth efface.

chorus

We respond to the grace received

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.

Community Life

Passing of the Peace

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Prayers of the People

The world: Kevin and Katie Shaffer, church plant in London

The Northside: Jobs For Life, a program starting in January

Our church: Northside Groups, resuming this week

Offering

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!

chorus

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.

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

Colossians 1:1-8

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by Peter Rowan, pastor of
Reformed University
Fellowship at VCU.
Visit vcu.ruf.org for more
information about Peter's
ministry.*

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.*

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

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.
You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.
Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.
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

We love our God,
He always hears us when we cry,
His peace is so complete,
His love is so divine.

Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

chorus

We love our God,
we long to see His Kingdom come,
And on that day then
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

chorus

chorus

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We love our God,
we'll live and die to see His fame,
There's nothing greater than
the glory of His Name.

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

We Love Our God

*Words and music: Ross King
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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George Whitefield, Felix
Mendelssohn
Music: Felix Mendelssohn,
William H. Cummings
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Song of Rejoicing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
"Hark!" the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:
hail, the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
"Hark!" the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Come, Desire of nations, come,
fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conquering seed,
bruise in us the serpent's head;
Adam's likeness now efface:
Stamp Thine image in its place.
Second Adam from above,
reinstate us in Thy love.
"Hark!" the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
"Hark!" the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

*At the end of the service,
please pick up your children
from the nursery.*

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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