



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly, Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see Thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold Thy glory. Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells, and the deeper the wells the brighter Thy stars shine; let me find Thy light in my darkness, Thy life in my death, Thy joy in my sorrow, Thy grace in my sin, Thy riches in my poverty, Thy glory in my valley.

- The Valley of Vision

*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.*

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

***Come Holy Spirit, Come***

*Words: Joseph Hart*

*Music: Hiram Ring*

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*God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.*

***Psalm 89:1-2, 5, 13-16***

*Please stand if able.*

Come, Holy Spirit, come  
Let Thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds,  
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,  
Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wondering view reveal  
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breast the flame  
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,  
Our minds from bondage free;  
Then we shall know, and praise, and love  
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

**Leader:** *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.  
For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."*

**People:** ***Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!***

**Leader:** *You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand, high your right hand.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.*

**People:** ***Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,  
who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.***

## 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*

## Scripture Reading

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation,  
who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?  
And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## ***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Words: Robert Robinson  
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.*

**Isaiah 53:4-12**

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

*Please read together.*

**Isaiah 53:6**

**God of My Life, To Thee  
I Call**

*Words: William Cowper  
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.  
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Music*

*Here's another way to phrase  
the last 2 lines of the chorus:  
When you put your faith  
in Jesus he becomes your  
powerful advocate, and you  
can be confident of your  
spiritual safety and profit in  
any circumstance.*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we have strayed from You like lost sheep.

Our despair and hopelessness shows how weak we believe You to be.

Our pursuit of worldly goods shows our deep suspicion that You will truly care for us.

Our love for ourselves above everyone else shows how trivial we consider Your grace.

We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins.

Renew our faith and help us to walk in Your might.

Remind us of Your Fatherly provision of every good gift.

Amaze us with Your grace and mercy to undeserving sinners.

In the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

## Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,

Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

*chorus*

When the great water floods prevail,

Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

That were a grief I could not bear,  
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.  
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,  
Supports me under every load.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,

Yet God, my God, forgets me not.

And he is safe and must succeed,

For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

*chorus (x2)*

Friend of the friendless and the faint,  
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?  
Where but with Thee, whose open door,  
Invites the helpless and the poor!

# 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 - Tim Hart

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

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

*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*

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.

## ***Jesus Everlasting King***

*Words: Isaac Watts  
(alt. by Matthew Smith)  
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*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

**John 18:1-14**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given by  
Rev. Andy Wood, pastor of  
Reformed University  
Fellowship at Virginia Tech.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"*

*12 So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.*

**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 and circle it with others in a group of about 6. Step forward and take a cup and a piece of bread, and a communion distributor will pour wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. 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

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,  
And there, it dwells for me.  
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,  
With treasures rich and free.

Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet,  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness, I roam,  
His mercies, I'll proclaim.  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,  
For, He for me was slain.  
And me, with all the heavenly throng,  
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

*chorus*

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

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

**Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is**

*Words: William Gadsby  
Music: Sandra McCracken  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

### ***How Great Thou Art***

*Words and music:  
Stuart K. Hine  
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# God sends us out refreshed

## **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*

## **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**

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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