



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

"There is an appearance of humility in the protestation that the truth is much greater than any one of us can grasp, but if this is used to invalidate all claims to discern the truth it is in fact an arrogant claim to a kind of knowledge which is superior to [all others]...

We have to ask: 'What is the [absolute] vantage ground from which you claim to be able to relativize all the absolute claims these different scriptures make?'"

- Leslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*

*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.*

## **Greater Is He Who Is In Us**

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1 John 4:4

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

**Psalm 111:1-3, 9-10**

*Please stand if able.*

## **Song of Gathering**

Greater is He who is in us,  
Greater is He who is in us,  
Greater is He who is in us  
Than he who is in the world.  
*repeat*

I will fight, fight, fight for the Kingdom.  
I will praise, praise, praise the Holy One.  
I will never run from the struggle.  
For His work on the cross is already done.

*chorus*

I will fight fight fight... for the Kingdom.  
I will praise praise praise... the Holy One.  
I will never run... from the struggle.  
For His work on the cross is already done.  
*repeat*

*chorus*

## **We gather in the presence of God**

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Praise the LORD.*

*I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.*

**People: *Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic are His deeds,  
and His righteousness endures forever.***

Leader: *He provided redemption for His people;  
He ordained His covenant forever –  
holy and awesome is His name.*

**People: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow His precepts have good understanding.  
To Him belongs eternal praise.***

## Song of Praise

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,  
And their time of glory soon shall pass.  
But the word of God, it will never die.  
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,  
Every hill and mountain be made low,  
Every rugged place will be made flat,  
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,  
raise your voice and shout,  
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.  
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,  
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

*chorus (x2)*

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

*Every Ditch, Every Valley*

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*Isaiah 40*

## Scripture Reading

*So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**John 10:7-10**

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

*Please read together.*

*Zephaniah 3:17*

### ***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.*

# **We confess our sin and receive grace**

## **Confession of Sin**

Lord, You alone are full of grace and truth, but we have not kept watch for You.

We have sought our own glory above Yours.

We have not waited to find Your will for us.

We have not noticed the needs of others around us.

We have not acknowledged Your beauty and the love that You have shown us.

Forgive us for our sins against You.

Heavenly Father, help us to yield to the wisdom of Your ways;

Lord Jesus, lead us to live in light of Your coming;

Holy Spirit, give us faith to see that You are truly among us; Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

## **Song of Renewal**

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*

# 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

### Prayers of the People

The world: Christ School in Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Bethesda Housing Ministry, a prisoner reentry program in the Northside

Our church: Preparation for Northside Groups, which relaunch in September

## Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the mercy fund in 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

Thou poor, afflicted, tempted soul,  
With fears, and doubts, and tempests tossed.  
What if the billows rise and roll,  
And dash thy ship, it is not lost.

And can the Lord pass heedless by,  
And see a mourning sinner die?  
And can the Lord pass heedless by,  
And see a sad and mourning sinner die?

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,  
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.  
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What ails those eyes bedewed with tears?  
Those laboring sighs that heave thy breast?  
Those oft repeated, broken prayers?  
Dost thou not long for Jesus' rest?

### ***Thou Poor, Afflicted, Tempted Soul***

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Music*

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

**Matthew 7:13-14**

**Isaiah 40:8**

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

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

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! 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.

*chorus*

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*

*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.*

**Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners**

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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## *It Is Finished*

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Music*

*“Approbation” means an  
expression of warm  
approval.*

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

## Song of Rejoicing

“It is finished!” – Sinners, hear it!

Tis the dying Victor’s cry;

“It is finished!” – Angels bear it,

Bear the joyful truth on high:

“It is finished!”

Tell it through the earth and sky!

“It is finished!”

Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station,  
Bars the sinner’s peace no more.  
Justice views with **approbation**  
What the Savior did and bore.

Grace and mercy  
now display their boundless store.  
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## Benediction

“It is finished!” – All is over,  
Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.  
Such the truth these words discover,  
Thus the victory was obtained.

‘Tis a victory  
none but Jesus could have gained.  
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none but Jesus could have gained.

Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown Him,  
Who His people’s foes o’ercame!  
In the highest heaven enthrone Him,  
Men and angels sound His fame!

Great His glory!  
Jesus bears a matchless name.  
Great His glory!  
Jesus bears a matchless name.

*repeat*

## 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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