



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

*We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

- 1 John 4:19-21

A good many are kept out of the service of Christ, deprived of the luxury of working for God, because they are trying to do some great thing. Let us be willing to do little things. And let us remember that nothing is small in which God is the source.

- Dwight L. Moody

*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

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Psalm 146:1-3, 5-8

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: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

**People:** *I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Leader: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*

**People:** *who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.*

Leader: *The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.*

**People:** *The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.*

## Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,  
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*chorus*

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.

*chorus*

**Arise, My Soul, Arise**

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Kevin Twit  
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"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is derived from Hebrews 7:22: "by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV) It means that Jesus' work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.

## Scripture Reading

*The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**1 Peter 4:7-11**

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

*Please read together.*

*Isaiah 53:6*

*Search Me*

*Words and music:  
Kirk Ward  
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*Psalm 139:23-24*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we confess that we often wander from You:

We try to live by our own rules rather than obey Your word.

We try to find rest in sin instead of in Your presence.

All the while, we refuse to listen to Your Spirit.

Just as You promise, have mercy and restore those who confess their faults:

Refresh us through humility and submission to Your will.

Remind us that life and health are only found in You.

Give us grace and strength to follow where Your Spirit leads.

In the name of Jesus our Savior, to the glory of Your holy Name. 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

Search me, and know my heart

Test me, and know my thoughts.

See into me: is there any sin?

And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart

Test me, and know my thoughts.

See into me: is there any sin?

And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart

Test me, and know my thoughts.

See into me: is there any sin?

And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Jesus, Your love has made me righteous,

For by your wounds I am healed.

Jesus, Your death has paid the ransom,

Your resurrection gives me life.

Where there is fear, make me courageous,

Where there is doubt, give me faith.

Where there is pride, Lord make me humble.

Where there is silence, give me praise.

*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

Update and prayer - Race and the Church, first event on January 30, 9am-12pm

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that You are with me,  
Will be with me to the end.

### ***'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus***

*Words: Louisa Stead  
Music: William Kirkpatrick  
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Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

*chorus*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

*chorus*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Matthew 25:31-46**

## Sermon Text

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Assistant Pastor Joel  
Passmore.*

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

## 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, nut-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 see the King of glory

Coming down the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see a new revival

Stirring as we pray and seek

We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

I see His love and mercy

Washing over all our sin

The people sing, the people sing.

*chorus*

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Heal my heart and make it clean.

Open up my eyes to the things unseen.

Show me how to love like You have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks Yours,

Everything I am for Your kingdom come.

As I walk from earth into eternity.

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

*chorus (x2)*

### **Hosanna**

*Words and music:*

*Brooke Ligertwood*

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*John 12:13*

*Mark 11:9-10*

*Matthew 21:9*

We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman  
Music: Anthony J. Showalter  
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Deuteronomy 33:27

## Song of Rejoicing

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*chorus*

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*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

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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