



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

Jonah's runaway posture is our posture every time we sin, whether in thought, word, or deed, whether it's doing something we consider big or something small, whether it's doing something we shouldn't or failing to do something we should.

- Tullian Tchividjian

*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.*

# We gather in the presence of God

## *Just a Closer Walk*

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

*Psalm 145:1-6*

*Please stand if able.*

## Song of Gathering

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.

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.

*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 (x2)*

## Welcome and Call to Worship

*Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.*

**People: *Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.***

*Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

**People: *One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.***

*Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

**People: *They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.***

## 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.

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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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## Scripture Reading

*What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written:*

*"None is righteous, no, not one;  
no one understands; no one seeks for God.  
All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good, not even one."  
"Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive."  
"The venom of asps is under their lips."  
"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."  
"Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
in their paths are ruin and misery,  
and the way of peace they have not known."  
"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Romans 3:9-18**

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

Please read together.

1 John 4:9

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

Words: William Cowper  
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.  
Murphy and Benj Pocta  
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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

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

*This is how God showed His love among us:*

*He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.*

## 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

### Prayers of the People

The world: Travis and Amy Johnson, his recent cancer diagnosis

The Northside: Last Sunday Supper, outreach and meal on last Sunday of the month

Our church: Church-wide retreat, April 26-28

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

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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### ***Come Holy Spirit, Come***

*Words: Joseph Hart  
Music: Hiram Ring  
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*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

**Jonah 1:1-3**

**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

*1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." 3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.*

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

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.

## Song of Communion

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.*

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

*As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

### ***Be Thou My Vision***

*Words: Dallan Forgaill, 8th century; translated from ancient Irish to English by Mary E. Byrne  
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We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## **On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand**

Words: Samuel Stennet  
Music: Christopher Miner  
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Music

*In this song the Christian journey is compared to the Israelites' anticipated entrance to the promised land of Canaan on the other side of the Jordan River. They had endured many hardships while waiting for God to fulfill his promises of land and rest. Similarly, though we face difficulties and tests of faith in this life, in Christ we can look forward to when God's promises will come to fruition.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye,  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
shines one eternal day.  
There God, the Son forever reigns,  
and scatters night away.

I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,  
can reach that healthful shore,  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more.

*chorus*

When shall I reach that happy place,  
and be forever blest?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
and in His bosom rest?

*chorus (x2)*

## **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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