



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*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

Gather Them In

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Zephaniah 3:20

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

Psalm 136:1-5, 26

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

We wait for You to testify,
To hold the kingdoms to account.
Your righteous justice shall not fail,
All those who trust in Your name.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

Sing out, you daughters of Zion,
And shout aloud, O Israel.
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,
He has removed your punishment.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

repeat

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: *Give thanks to the God of gods,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord of lords,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: *to him who alone does great wonders,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: *to him who by understanding made the heavens,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: *Give thanks to the God of heaven,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

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

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.

Scripture Reading

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 11:1-6

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

Please read together.

John 3:16

***Savior Like a Shepherd
Lead Us***

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Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836*

*Music:
William B. Bradbury, 1859
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Generous God, You sent us the Spirit of courage, but we act out of fear.
You sent us the Spirit of truth, but we often trust lies instead.
You sent us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Now our hearts are suspicious, our minds are confused, and our faith is timid.

Hear our confession, and come near to us with mercy.
We hold out to You all our particular burdens of guilt and sin.
Help us rest in Your forgiveness, and rejoice in Your power to change sinners.
Teach us to love You with our whole being, and to walk in Your ways. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Song of Renewal

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,
early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with Thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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

New Member Vows - Kathryn Swadgelo

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

The Lord hears the cry of the poor,
Blessed be the Lord!

I will bless the Lord at all times
With praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
Who will hear the cry of the poor.

chorus

Let the lowly hear and be glad,
The Lord listens to their pleas,
And to hearts broken He is near,
For He hears the cry of the poor.

chorus

Every spirit crushed, God will save,
The Lord listens to their pleas,
And to hearts broken God is near,
He will hear the cry of the poor.

chorus

We proclaim your greatness, O God!
Your praise ever in our mouths,
Every face brightened in Your light,
For You hear the cry of the poor!

chorus

The Cry of the Poor

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Psalms 34:1-2, 17-18, 19, 22

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

1 Peter 1:3-5

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

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died

My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.

His pow'rful blood did once atone,

And now it pleads before the throne,

And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;

He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set -

My Surety paid the dreadful debt,

My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died...

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.

The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.

Not all that hell or sin can say

Shall turn His heart, His love, away

Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death

and pow'rs of hell unknown,

Put their most dreadful forms

of rage and mischief on,

I shall be safe, for Christ displays

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace;

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

chorus

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.

Jesus My Great High Priest

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(chorus by Kirk Ward)
Music: Kirk Ward
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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

*"Surety" is referring to Jesus, 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.*

We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and music:
Matt and Beth Redman
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Job 1:21-22
Psalm 113:2-3
Daniel 2:20-23

Song of Rejoicing

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:

chorus

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

repeat

chorus

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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