



northside church

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Meditations

When it comes to drawing near to God and pleasing him, legalism insists that obedience precedes acceptance – that's it's all up to us. But the fresh breeze of the gospel freedom announces that acceptance precedes obedience – that once we're already approved and already accepted by God in Christ, we can freely follow God's lead and grow in his will out of genuine gratitude for his amazing grace and without any fear of judgment or condemnation when we fall. . . C.S. Lewis observed that what most distinguishes the gospel from legalism is that legalism says God loves if we are good, while the gospel tell us God will make us good because he loves us.

- Tullian Tchividjian, *Jesus Plus Nothing Equals Everything*

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

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

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

Psalms 99:1-5

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

I once was lost in sin,
but Jesus took me in.
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.
Well He bathed my heart in love,
and He wrote my name above.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.
He will hear our faintest cry,
He will answer by and by.
When you feel a little prayerful yearning,
You will know a little fire is burning.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,
And your eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches
day and night.
He wrote my name above,
And he bathed my heart in love.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

chorus

verse 1

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*

People: ***The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!***

Leader: *The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.*

People: ***Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!***

Song of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Jesus Shall Reign

*Words: Isaac Watts
Music: John Hatton
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Scripture Reading

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 4:1-5

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

Please read together.

John 1:29

Great God From Thee

Words: John Newton

Music: Justin Smith

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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our sins are laid bare before Your eyes:

We often promote ourselves, and overlook people around us.

We nurse anger and envy in secret, while wearing a cheery façade.

We tether our joy to our circumstances, rather than to the gospel.

We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You cover us in Jesus Christ.

Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise!

His blood is your peace, His death is your life, His Spirit is your power."

Convince us that a life lived in Your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Song of Renewal

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.

To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear,
What in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear,
Most holy God to Thee?

But since my Savior stands between,
In garments dyed in blood,
'Tis He instead of me is seen,
When I approach to God.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe,
He pleads before the throne,

His life and death in my behalf,
And calls my sins His own.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

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, beginning their home ministry assignment

The Northside: Timothy Project, outreach to students at John Marshall

Our church: Health concerns among our congregation

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

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

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

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.

Greater Is He Who Is In Us

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1 John 4:4

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

Philippians 3:1-3

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 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh -

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

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

chorus

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.

He Knows My Name

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

God sends us out refreshed

It Is Finished

*Words: Thomas Kelly
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
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Music*

*"Approbation" means an
expression of warm
approval.*

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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"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.
'Tis a victory
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

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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