



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

To the degree that we embrace the truth that our identity is not rooted in our success, power, or popularity, but in God's infinite love, to that degree can we let go of our need to judge.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Here and Now: Living in the Spirit*

*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.

Everlasting God

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Isaiah 40:28-31

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Psalm 135:1-3, 5-6, 13

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer!

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*

People: *Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!*

Leader: *Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

People: *For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.*

Leader: *Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.*

People: *Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.*

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

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Music: John Hatton
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Psalm 72

Scripture Reading

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Please read together.

Zephaniah 3:17

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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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

Gracious Lord, we have strayed from You like lost sheep.

We lose hope because we think You are weak.

We hoard what You give us because we doubt that You will continue to provide.

We love ourselves above everyone else because we trivialize Your grace.

We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins.

Renew our faith and help us to walk in Your might.

Remind us of Your Fatherly provision of every good gift.

Amaze us with Your grace and mercy to undeserving sinners.

In the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. 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

Community Life

New Member Vows - Taylor Dowell and Samantha Shaffer

Offering

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.

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.
The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

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?

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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But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

Thou Poor, Afflicted, Tempted Soul

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

Ephesians 4:17-24

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

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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, 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.

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 His love and mercy

Washing over all our sin

The people sing, the people sing.

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a new revival

Stirring as we pray and seek

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

chorus

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.

chorus (x2)

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.

Hosanna

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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

Victory In Jesus

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Song of Rejoicing

I heard an old, old story,
how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,
my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again
and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
to me the victory.

chorus

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold
beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing,
and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him
the song of victory.

chorus (x2)

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

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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