



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

If you alter or obscure the Biblical portrait of God in order to attract converts, you don't get converts to God, you get converts to an illusion. This is not evangelism, but deception.

- John Piper

*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.

Jesus, Cast a Look On Me

Words: John Berridge
Music: Matthew Perryman Jones
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Psalm 65:1-4

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity;
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled;
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest;
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give;
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.
O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.*

People: *When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.*

Leader: *Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!*

People: *We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!*

Song of Praise

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord,
And truth eternal is Thy Word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Words: Isaac Watts (v 1-2),
Robert Spence (v 3), and
Thomas Ken (v 4)
Music: Alex Mejias
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Scripture Reading

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 2:37-42

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

Please read together.

Romans 8:1-2

**Savior Like a Shepherd
Lead Us**

Words:
Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836
Music:
William B. Bradbury, 1859
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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

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

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

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Hunter and Adrienne Thompson - Northsiders who moved to Rwanda

The Northside: Young Men's Academy - ministry to middle school boys

Our church: Vision Brunch - Saturday, February 15, 9:30-11:15

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Come unto me and rest

Lay down O weary one, lay down,

Your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus, as I was,

So weary, worn, and sad.

I found in Him my resting place,

And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Behold I freely give,

The living water, thirsty one,

Stoop down and drink and live!"

I came to Jesus, and I drank,

From that life-giving stream.

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"I am this dark world's light

Look unto me thy morn' shall rise,

And all thy days be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found,

In Him my star, my sun.

And in that light of life I'll walk,

Till pilgrim days are done.

repeat

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Words: Horatius Bonar

Music: Kevin Twit

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

Matthew 28:18-20

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

*18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

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

The Doxology

*Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Louis Bourgeois
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Song of Rejoicing

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Every Ditch, Every Valley

*Words and music:
Peter La Grand
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A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,
And their time of glory soon shall pass.
But the word of God, it will never die.
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,
Every hill and mountain be made low,
Every rugged place will be made flat,
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,
raise your voice and shout,
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

chorus (x2)

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

Isaiah 40

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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