



northside church

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Meditation

God wants us to come to him empty-handed, weary, and heavy-laden. Instinctively we want to get rid of our helplessness before we come to God.

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Surprisingly, mature Christians feel less mature on the inside. When they hear Jesus say, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5), they nod in agreement.

- Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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Psalm 103:1-5

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Psalm 31:19-24

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your Holy name!

chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you
and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!*

People: *In the cover of your presence you hide them
from the plots of men;
you store them in your shelter
from the strife of tongues.*

Leader: *Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.*

People: *I had said in my alarm,
"I am cut off from your sight."
But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cried to you for help.*

Leader: *Love the LORD, all you his saints!
The LORD preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.*

People: *Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!*

Song of Praise

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of Creation!
Oh my soul, praise Him
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yes, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness
and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
oh let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen
sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye, we adore Him!

Praise To the Lord, the Almighty

*Words: Joachim Neander,
1680; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.
Music: German melody
Lobe den Herren, 1665.
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Scripture Reading

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." **Exodus 16:1-15**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him - what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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.

Acts 13:38-39

Mighty To Save

*Words and music: Reuben
Morgan, Ben Fielding
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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews
2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered from You like lost sheep.

We have elevated our desires above Your will.

We have broken Your holy laws.

Again and again, we have refused to listen to Your Spirit.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, and restore those who confess their faults.

Teach us to listen and obey.

Show us that life and health are only found in You.

Again and again, give us grace and strength to be Your disciples.

According to Your promises declared in Christ Jesus, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Song of Renewal

Everyone needs compassion,
love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,

My God is mighty to save,

He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave,

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,
everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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chorus

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 - Trey and Meredith Schorr

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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon Text

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Isaiah 40:8

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

People: Praise be to God!

*Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

Sermon

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

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

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.

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

God sends us out refreshed

Salvation to the Lamb

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alt. Justin Smith
Music: Justin Smith
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*The title of this song comes
from Revelation 7:10, which
depicts the great multitude
of God's redeemed people
declaring "Salvation belongs
to our God who sits on the
throne, and to the Lamb!"*

*The "paschal lamb" was
the sacrifice at the first
Passover (see Exodus 12).
Here Jesus is spoken of as
the perfect Paschal Lamb
whose blood completely
atones for sin.*

Song of Rejoicing

Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,
And raise thy drooping head.
Come sing with all poor sinners here,
Jesus, who once was dead.

Salvation sing no word more meet
To join to Jesus' name.
Let every thankful tongue repeat:
"Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!"

Saints from the garden to the cross
Your conquering Lord pursue,
Who, dearly to redeem your loss
Groaned, bled, and died for you.

Now reigns victorious over death,
The glorious great I Am.
Let every soul repeat with faith,
"Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!"

When we incurred the wrath of God,
Alas! What could be worse?
He came, and with His heart's own blood,
Redeemed us from the curse.

This **Paschal Lamb**, His blood can meet,
And cleanse ye from each stain.
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat:
"Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!
Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!"

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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