



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose.

- 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.*

*The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.*

### **Our God**

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*Romans 8:31  
Psalm 135:5*

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### **Psalm 145:14-19**

*Please stand if able.*

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## Song of Gathering

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine,  
out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger.  
God, You are higher than any other!  
Our God is healer, awesome in power -  
Our God, our God!

And if our God is for us,  
then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us,  
then what could stand against?

## Call to Worship

Leader: *The LORD upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.*

**People:** *The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.*

Leader: *You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

**People:** *The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.*

Leader: *The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.*

**People:** *He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.*

## Song of Praise

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.  
Savior, Healer,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

*chorus*

Nothing is impossible for You.  
Heaven and earth are at Your command.  
Nothing is impossible for You.  
You are the great I AM.

*repeat*

*chorus*

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God, though You guide and protect us as our Shepherd, we flee from You.  
Though You rule heaven and earth as King, we give our all to our tiny kingdom.  
Though You comfort us as our Shepherd, we console ourselves with our sins.  
Though Your cross has made peace, we foolishly war against You and one another.  
Though You declare "New creation!" we just prefer the old.

Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.  
Lord Jesus Christ, deliver us from our sins.  
Holy Spirit, renew us after the image of our Creator. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

## *All Who Call*

*Words and music:*  
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*Psalm 145:18*  
*Romans 10:12-13*  
*Luke 1:37*

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

*Isaiah 53:6*

***How Deep the Father's  
Love For Us***

*Words and music:  
Stuart Townend  
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## **Song of Renewal**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son,  
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turned His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen one,  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

*repeat*

*Being reconciled with God  
through Christ enables us to  
seek peace with each other  
and participate in His work.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Announcement and Prayer: Financial Pledging Season

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

## **Offering**

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket. The mercy fund is used for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

## Scripture Reading

*But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.*

*On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

You don't have to worry,  
and don't you be afraid.  
Joy comes in the morning,  
troubles they don't last always.  
For there's a friend named Jesus,  
who will wipe your tears away.  
And if your heart is broken,  
just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it,  
I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.

verse 1

Oh, I know that I can make it,  
I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.  
With Jesus I can take it,  
with Him I know I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.

So when your tests and trials,  
they seem to get you down.  
And all your friends and loved ones,  
are nowhere to be found.  
Remember there's a friend in Jesus,  
who will wipe your tears away,  
And if you heart is broken,  
just lift your hands and say:

chorus 2

**John 20:11-21**

## *My Life Is In Your Hands*

*Words and music:*  
Kirk Franklin  
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*Deuteronomy 31:6*  
*Isaiah 25:8*  
*James 1:2*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Genesis 12:1-3**

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

**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  
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## 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, 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

Bread of heaven, sent down from glory,  
Many things you were on Earth:  
A Holy King, a carpenter.  
You are the living Word.

Awesome Ruler, gentle Redeemer,  
God with us, the Living Truth,  
And what a friend we have in You.  
You are the living Word.

Jesus, Jesus - that's what we call You,  
Manger born, put on a tree,  
You died to save humanity.  
You are the living Word!

*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.*

## **You Are the Living Word**

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*John 1:1, 6:35  
Matthew 21:5*

We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## *You Are Good*

*Words and music:*  
Israel Houghton  
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Music

*Psalms 100:5, 106:1*

## Song of Rejoicing

Lord You are good  
and Your mercy endureth forever! *chorus*  
Lord You are good  
and Your mercy endureth forever!  
People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation... *repeat*

We worship You!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
We worship You for who You are!  
We worship You!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
We worship You for who You are - *repeat*  
You are good!

*verse*

You are good all the time,  
all the time You are good!  
*verse*  
People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation...

*chorus*

## Benediction

### About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://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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