



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

A gospel-centered church holds together two things. One, a gospel-centered church preaches a bold message of grace - so bold that it becomes the end of the law for all who believe. Not our performance but Christ's performance for us. Not our sacrifices but his sacrifice for us. Not our superiority but only his worth and prestige. The good news of substitution. The good news that our okayness is not in us but exterior to us in Christ alone. Climbing down from the high moral ground, because only Christ belongs up there. That message, that awareness, that clarity. Every Sunday.

Two, a gospel-centered church translates that theology into its sociology. The good news of God's grace beautifies how we treat one another. In fact, the horizontal reveals the vertical. How we treat one another reveals what we really believe as opposed to what we think we believe.

-Ray Ortlund

*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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Isaiah 61:10-11

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.

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!

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.

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: *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,*

People: *for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,*

Leader: *as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

People: *For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,*

Leader: *and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,*

People: *so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.*

Song of Praise

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Ashael Nettleton
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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.

Scripture Reading

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

And again,

*“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”*

And again Isaiah says,

*“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 15:4-12

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

Please read together.

Ephesians 2:4-5

God of My Life, To Thee I Call

*Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Pocta
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Here's another way to phrase the last 2 lines of the chorus: When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you can be confident of your spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

King of Glory, You came to us as true peace in the midst of our warfare,
as true freedom to release us from our bondage to sin,
as true refuge from our unrest and affliction.

Yet we have rebelled from Your authority,
and negotiated with the enemy with our secret sins and proud skepticism.
For our treason, You died; for our restoration, You rose again.

Draw us close to You this week and renew our allegiance,
increase our faith, amaze us with Your grace,
and make us willing and able to follow You. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

chorus

When the great water floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,
Supports me under every load.

chorus (x2)

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door,
Invites the helpless and the poor!

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: Hope Internataionl, a Christian microfinance organization

The Northside: Last Sunday Supper, outreach and meal on last Sunday of the month

Our church: Northside Groups, groups forming now

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Come Holy Spirit, come
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breast the flame
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,
Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know, and praise, and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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Come Holy Spirit, Come

*Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Hiram Ring
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 12:15-21

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

*15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all
16 and ordered them not to make him known. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet
Isaiah:*

*18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.*

*I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.*

*19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;*

*20 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,
until he brings justice to victory;*

21 and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

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

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

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.

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

God sends us out refreshed

How Great Thou Art

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Stuart K. Hine
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Song of Rejoicing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior, God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

chorus

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
“My God, how great Thou art!”

chorus

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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