



# northside church

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## **Meditation**

The current economic era has given us fresh impulses and new ways to stigmatize work such as farming and caring for children-jobs that are supposedly not “knowledge” jobs and therefore do not pay very well. But in Genesis we see God as a gardener, and in the New Testament, we see him as a carpenter. No task is too small a vessel to hold the immense dignity of work given by God.

– Tim Keller, *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God’s Work*

*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.

### **Before I Knew**

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# We gather in the presence of God

## **Song of Gathering**

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,  
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains  
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.  
He knew me in my mother's womb,  
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace  
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.  
I was defeated in my sins,  
death had the victory.  
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,  
That day on Calvary.  
Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

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

Leader: *For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
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.*

**Isaiah 61:10-11**

*Please stand if able.*

## 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*

## Scripture Reading

*After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind. And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.*

*Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today. When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged."*

*Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## All Who Call

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Psalm 145:18  
Romans 10:12-13  
Luke 1:37

**Genesis 41:1-16**

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

*Please read together.*

*1 Peter 3:18a*

*Rock of Ages*

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Music: Thomas Hastings  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You told us to love You with our whole being, but we have not.

We have fled from You in unbelief.

We have treasured the gifts rather than the Giver.

We have complained about our circumstances rather than rejoice in Your presence.

You told us to love our neighbor, but we have not.

Instead of speaking well of them, we have gossiped.

Instead of reconciling with them, we have held on to bitterness.

Instead of loving them, we have only loved ourselves.

Forgive us our sins, renew us by Your Spirit, and increase our faith as we follow You. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.*

## Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

# 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: Travis Johnson, continuing his battle with cancer

The Northside: City Young Life

Our church: For Engagement Team participation to meet the goal of 75% by December 1

## 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.

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

## Song of Preparation

Because of His great love,

We are not overcome!

Because of His great love,

We are not overcome!

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.

Night will fall, the light will fade;

The Lord will give and take away.

*chorus*

Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.

Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

*chorus*

Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.  
Bear the yoke of love and death,  
The Lord will give life and breath.

*chorus (x2)*

## **We Are Not Overcome**

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*Lamentations 3*

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

***Ephesians 6:5-9***

***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

*5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. 9 Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.*

**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

*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.*

## 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.**

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

## 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.

*As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

## Song of Communion

There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.  
There is love pouring out  
of the wounds that were made,  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

There is hope pouring out  
of the tomb where He lay,  
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

*chorus*

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins upon His head.

There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins...

*chorus*

There is truth in His body,  
raised that third day.  
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

## God Who Saves

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We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Down At the Cross (Glory To His Name)**

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## **Song of Rejoicing**

Down at the cross where my Savior died,  
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name, glory to His Name!  
There to my heart was the blood applied  
Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin  
Jesus so sweetly abides within.  
There at the cross where He took me in,  
Glory to His Name!

*chorus*

O precious fountain that saves from sin  
I am so glad I have entered in.  
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;  
Glory to His Name!

*chorus*

Come to the fountain so rich and sweet,  
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet.  
Plunge in today, and be made complete;  
Glory to His Name!

*chorus (x2)*

## **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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