



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

I never preach a sermon without thinking that possibly the Lord may come before I preach another.

- D. L. Moody

*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.

Oh Give Thanks

*Words and music:
Judith McAllister*

Psalm 118:1

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Psalm 107:1-3, 7-9

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!
For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

People: ***Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,***

Leader: *from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

People: ***He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.***

Leader: *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

People: ***For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.***

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

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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

2 Peter 3:1-13

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

Please read together.

2 Corinthians 5:21

It Is Well With My Soul

Words: Horatio G. Spafford
Music: Philip P. Bliss
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice,
You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners.
You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole.
In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death,
and showed us our future - triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally.

While we await this, we have been faithless and anxious in heart.
In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found.
Apart from You, we find ourselves alone, tired, and worn. Forgive us, Savior!
Renew our faith and restore to us the true rest You alone offer us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Song of Renewal

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well),
with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin – oh, the joy of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul!

chorus

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

chorus (x2)

It is well, it is well with my soul!

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 Life/Youth Life retreat, concluded today

Our church: Mercy Response Team, getting started

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

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.
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.

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

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

My Life Is In Your Hands

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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

Matthew 24:36-51

Sermon Text

36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know 51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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, 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

You hold my every moment,
You calm my raging seas.
You walk with me through fire,
and heal all my disease.
I trust in You; Lord, I trust in You.

I believe You're my healer,
I believe You are all I need.
I believe You're my portion,
I believe You're more than enough for me.
Jesus, You're all I need.

chorus

Nothing is impossible for You,
nothing is impossible.
Nothing is impossible for You,
You hold my world in Your hands.

repeat

chorus

verse

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.

Healer

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

God sends us out refreshed

Every Praise

*Words and music: Hezekiah
Walker, John David Bratton
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Song of Rejoicing

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise is to our God!
Sing hallelujah to our God,
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God!

repeat

God my Savior!
God my Healer!
God my Deliverer!
Yes He is, yes He is!

repeat

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise...
is to our God!

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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