



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Life is war. That's not all it is. But it is always that...But most people do not believe this in their hearts. Most people show by their priorities and their casual approach to spiritual things that they believe we are in peacetime, not wartime...Very few people think that we are in a war that is greater than World War II, or than any imaginable nuclear war. Few reckon that Satan is a much worse enemy than any earthly foe, or realize that the conflict is not restricted to any one global theater, but is in every town and city in the world. Who considers that the casualties of this war do not merely lose an arm or an eye or an earthly life, but lose everything, even their own souls, and enter a hell of everlasting torment?

- John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad*

*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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber

Music: John B. Dykes

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Psalm 66:1-2, 5, 8-9, 16-17, 20

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,

Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, holy -
holy Lord most high!
Holy, holy, holy, holy -
holy Lord most high!

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man,
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
All thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!*

**People: *Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.***

Leader: *Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.*

**People: *Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.***

Leader: *I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.*

**People: *Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!***

Song of Praise

Jesus, everlasting King,
accept the tribute which we bring,
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown.

O send Your Spirit to impart,
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above,
We first received Your pledge of love.

chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

chorus

O that the months would roll away,
And bring the coronation day.
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,
With all His Father's glories on.

chorus (x2)

Scripture Reading

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

*"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

*"He will command his angels concerning you,"
and*

*"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."*

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

*"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus Everlasting King

*Words: Isaac Watts
(alt. by Matthew Smith)
Music: Matthew Smith
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Matthew 21:1-15

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 3:18a

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

Generous God, You sent us the Spirit of courage, but we act out of fear.
You sent us the Spirit of truth, but we often trust lies instead.
You sent us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Now our hearts are suspicious, our minds are confused, and our faith is timid.

Hear our confession, and come near to us with mercy.
We hold out to You all our particular burdens of guilt and sin.
Help us rest in Your forgiveness, and rejoice in Your power to change sinners.
Teach us to love You with our whole being, and to walk in Your ways. 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

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.
Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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

Prayers of the People

The world: Paris attacks

The Northside: Bless Richmond event on Saturday, November 21

Our church: Goal to have Engagement Team participation at 75% by December 1

Offering

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

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

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.*

Ephesians 6:14-18

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

14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

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

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!

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

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman
Music: Anthony J. Showalter
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Deuteronomy 33:27

Song of Rejoicing

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

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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