



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

"Your heart could be, and often is, askew. That's ok. You have to begin with what is real. Jesus didn't come for the righteous. He came for sinners. All of us qualify. The very things we try to get rid of - our weariness, our distractions, our messiness - are what get us in the front door! That's how the gospel works. That's how prayer works."

- Paul Miller

*Readings to help you engage with God and worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."*

*When you hear the first song begin, please come take a seat and continue preparing for worship by praying, reading the meditation quotes above, or singing along.*

## *Thy Mercy My God*

Words: John Stocker

Music: Sandra McCracken

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Music (ASCAP)

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*A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.*

**Isaiah 40:3-5**

*Please stand if able.*

## Song of Gathering

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here,  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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## We gather in the presence of God

### Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *A voice cries:*

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

**People: *Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.***

Leader: *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

## Song of Praise

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,  
And their time of glory soon shall pass.  
But the word of God, it will never die.  
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,  
Every hill and mountain be made low,  
Every rugged place will be made flat,  
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,  
raise your voice and shout,  
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.  
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,  
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

*chorus (x2)*

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

***Every Ditch, Every Valley***

*Words and music:  
Peter La Grand  
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*Isaiah 40*

## Scripture Reading

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

***Matthew 18:1-4***

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

*Please read together.*

*Matthew 20:28*

*Rock of Ages*

*Words: Augustus Toplady  
Music: Thomas Hastings  
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# 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 while we languished in a chaos of our own design.  
Though we know Jesus as sovereign King,  
we have rebelled just as Israel did long ago,  
we have negotiated with the enemy by our secret sins and proud skepticism,  
we have betrayed our Heavenly Father in our daily refusal of peace, freedom, and refuge.  
For our treason, You died; for our restoration, You rose again.  
Draw us close to You in this week,  
that our eyes may catch the vision of Your tears,  
and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

## 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

*The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.*

## Community Life

Baptism of Kendall Grace Sitterding

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Greater is He who is in us,  
Greater is He who is in us,  
Greater is He who is in us  
Than he who is in the world.  
*repeat*

*chorus*

I will fight fight fight... for the Kingdom.  
I will praise praise praise... the Holy One.  
I will never run... from the struggle.  
For His work on the cross is already done.

*repeat*

I will fight, fight, fight for the Kingdom.  
I will praise, praise, praise the Holy One.  
I will never run from the struggle.  
For His work on the cross is already done.

*chorus*

## **Greater Is He Who Is In Us**

*Words, music: Kirk Ward  
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*1 John 4:4*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Matthew 7:7-11**

**Sermon Text**  
*7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"*

**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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations and circle it with others in a group of about 6. Step forward and take a cup and a piece of bread, and a communion distributor will pour wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children.

There is a person at the back of the fellowship hall ready to pray with and for you, if desired.

## 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.

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

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

*chorus*

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of the Lamb who was slain.  
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Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins...

*chorus*

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

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

*Communion at Northside is a patient, relaxed time. As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

**God Who Saves**

*Words and music: Aaron Senseman*

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Salvation to the Lamb**

*Words: Joseph Hart, alt.  
Justin Smith*

*Music: Justin Smith  
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*The title of this song comes  
from Revelation 7:10, which  
depicts the great multitude  
of God's redeemed people  
declaring "Salvation belongs  
to our God who sits on the  
throne, and to the Lamb!"*

*The "paschal lamb" was  
the sacrifice at the first  
Passover.*

*Here Jesus is spoken of as  
the perfect Paschal Lamb  
whose blood completely  
atones for sin.*

*At the end of the service,  
please pick up your children  
from the nursery.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,  
And raise thy drooping head.  
Come sing with all poor sinners here,  
Jesus, who once was dead.

Salvation sing no word more meet  
To join to Jesus' name.  
Let every thankful tongue repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

Saints from the garden to the cross  
Your conquering Lord pursue,  
Who, dearly to redeem your loss  
Groaned, bled, and died for you.

## **Benediction**

Now reigns victorious over death,  
The glorious great I Am.  
Let every soul repeat with faith,  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

When we incurred the wrath of God,  
Alas! What could be worse?  
He came, and with His heart's own blood,  
Redeemed us from the curse.

This **Paschal Lamb**, His blood can meet,  
And cleanse ye from each stain.  
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!  
Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

## **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**

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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