



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

If only we could see Jesus in his knees and listen to what he is saying to the Father, what courage we would take to live for him through every trouble in life. Jesus is praying for us, that our faith will not fail. He is praying about our chronic pain, that in our physical weakness we will not stop trusting in the goodness of God. He is praying about our troubled marriage, that in our alienation we will not stop trusting in his love. He is praying about our financial situation, that in our urgent concern about paying the bills we will not stop trusting in God to provide. He is praying about our secret discouragement, that in our night of dark despair we will not stop trusting him to lead us into the light. He is praying about our wandering into sin, that we will never stop trusting in his forgiveness. Jesus is praying for everything we need.

- Phillip Ryken on Luke 22:32

*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!

Psalm 19:1-2, 7, 14

Please stand if able.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

People: *Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

Leader: *The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;*

People: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

Song of Praise

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us, sing,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

repeat

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Words: Francis of Assisi,
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,
1623*

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Scripture Reading

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Galatians 6:1-5

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

Please read together.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful God, we confess before You our own sinfulness:

We have hungered after that which does not satisfy, and have compromised with evil;
We have doubted Your power to protect us, and have sought comfort in idolatry;
We have been obsessed with creating a life of constant pleasure;
We have been indifferent to our neighbors, and have gained from unjust systems;
We have neglected Your wise and gracious Law.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us for our weak faith!

Restore in us such trust and love that we walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will.

Amen.

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.

Matthew 20:28

Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady
Music: Thomas Hastings
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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.

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!

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.

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: Hunter and Adrienne Thompson, Northsiders who moved to Rwanda

The Northside: Race and the Church, first event yesterday and next one March 12

Our church: Church Retreat, April 15-17th

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy;

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom
for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"

The nations will sing songs of joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

chorus

Psalm 126 (All Those Who Are Weeping)

Words and music:

Isaac Wardell

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

**Matthew 26:31-35,
69-75**

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by Rev. Stan Morton, the
founding pastor of New City
Fellowship of Lancaster and
ordained teaching elder in
the PCA.*

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." 33 Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." 35 Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." 71 And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." 74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

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

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

chorus

He Knows My Name

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Tommy Walker
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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 (x2)

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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