



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"How filled with comfort this paragraph, comfort not only for the Son and for John, but for every child of God, for it indicates that *not only the Son* loves his followers enough to suffer the pangs of hell in their stead, but that also the Spirit fully cooperates by strengthening him for this very task, and that the Father, instead of frowning upon the One who undertakes it, is so very pleased with him that he must needs rend asunder the very heavens, that his voice of delightful approval may be heard on earth! All three are equally interested in our salvation, and the three are One."

- William Hendriksen

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.

Up On A Mountain

Words, music: Vito Aiuto
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*A recognition of the
presence of God among
us, which influences the
posture of our hearts.*

Revelation 5:11-13

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

Up on a mountain our Lord is alone,
Without a family, friends, or a home.
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you stay with me?"
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you wait with me?"

Up on a mountain our Lord is afraid,
Carrying all the mistakes we have made.
And He knew it's a long way down.
Do you know it's a long way down?

Up in the heavens our Lord prays for you,
He sends His spirit to carry us through.
So it's true that you're not alone.
Do you know he came all the way down?

So it's true that you're not alone.
Do you know he came all the way down?

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels,
numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
saying with a loud voice,*

**People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader: *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea,
and all that is in them, saying,*

**People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Song of Praise

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, 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Words: Reginald Heber
Music: John B. Dykes
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Scripture Reading

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 42:1-4

*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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.
You are deserving of all honor, and You grant us all grace.
Yet we have presumed upon Your compassion and care,
making them the very ground of our rebellion against You.
Forgive our frivolous attitude as Your followers, our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.
Help us to repent, that we may desire what is good, love what You love,
and eagerly follow when You call, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Song of Renewal

Romans 5:6,8

Great God From Thee

*Words: John Newton
Music: Justin Smith
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Great God from Thee there's nought concealed, His life and death in my behalf,
Thou seest my inward frame. And calls my sins His own.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear,
What in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear,
Most holy God to Thee?

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine.
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

But since my Savior stands between,
In garments dyed in blood,
'Tis He instead of me is seen,
When I approach to God.

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe,
He pleads before the throne,

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine.
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

We respond to the grace received

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.

Community Life

Passing of the Peace

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

Prayers of the People

The world: South Sudan, nation building

The Northside: Boaz & Ruth, a non-profit organization in Highland Park

Our church: To be a church marked by gentleness

Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the mercy fund in a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored baskets.

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

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

chorus

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that You are with me,
Will be with me to the end.

chorus

***'Tis So Sweet To Trust
In Jesus***

*Words: Louisa Stead
Music: William Kirkpatrick
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 3:13-17

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by Pastoral Intern Joel
Passmore.*

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

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.
You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.
Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.
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

I have a Maker,	I have a Father,
He formed my heart.	He calls me His own.
Before even time began,	He’ll never leave me,
My life was in His hands.	No matter where I go.

I have a Maker,	<i>chorus</i>
He formed my heart.	
Before even time began,	<i>chorus</i>
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.

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.

He Knows My Name

Words, music: Tommy Walker
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*Words: George Matheson
Music: Christopher Miner
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Music*

Song of Rejoicing

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

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

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

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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