



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

It is remarkable that in all of his writings Paul's prayers for his friends contain no appeals for changes in their circumstances.

- Tim Keller

*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.

### **But For You Who Fear My Name**

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Malachi 4:2; 3:17

### **The Doxology**

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**Psalm 30:1-2, 4-5, 11-12**

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

But for you who fear My Name,  
The Son of righteousness will rise  
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,  
And skip about like calves  
Coming from their stalls at last.

You shall be My very own,  
On the day that I  
Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man  
Has compassion on his son  
Who does the best he can.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.*

People: ***O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.***

Leader: *Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.*

People: ***For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.***

Leader: *You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.*

People: ***O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!***

## Song of Praise

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requires  
is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.  
*repeat*

## *Come Ye Sinners*

*Words: Joseph Hart  
Music: Matthew Smith  
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*Isaiah 55:1-3  
Matthew 11:28-29  
Mark 2:15-17*

## Scripture Reading

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.*

*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## *Colossians 1:3-12*

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

*Please read together.*

*Romans 8:1-2*

*How Deep the Father's  
Love For Us*

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Stuart Townend  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

You are the Great Physician, giving new life to all who come;  
we cling to our familiar sickness.

You are the Bridegroom, inviting us to feast on new wine;  
we are hesitant to come to Your table.

You said You came not to call the righteous, but sinners;  
we often deny our sin and ignore its impact.

Lord, we will never outgrow our dependence on You.

Forgive us for our pride, our unbelief, our slowness to listen to You.

Have mercy upon us, restore us, grant us Your peace.

By Your Spirit, lead us in obedient living as Your sons and daughters. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

## Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son,  
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turned His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen one,  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

*repeat*

# We respond to the grace received

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

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

New Member Vows - Chris and Sarah Howell

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

*chorus*

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er,  
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore!

*chorus (x2)*

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, this my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

### ***Just a Closer Walk***

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

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*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

*15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

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

Gluten-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

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to Thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,  
early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with Thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*repeat*

*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.*

***Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

*Words:*

*Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836*

*Music:*

*William B. Bradbury, 1859*

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Victory In Jesus**

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## **Song of Rejoicing**

I heard an old, old story,  
how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,  
my Savior, forever!  
He sought me and bought me  
with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him,  
and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory  
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again  
and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
to me the victory.

*chorus*

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him  
the song of victory.

*chorus (x2)*

## **Benediction**

### **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**

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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