



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"Seeking security in this world and its possessions is a recipe for producing anxieties, rather than relieving them! The more we gather possessions in order to feel secure, the more we feel we need them in order to be secure and then the more we need to guard them to maintain our security."

- Sinclair Ferguson

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.

Greater Is He Who Is In Us

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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

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

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

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

chorus

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

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue
to Him their hearts enthrall.
Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
we at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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John Rippon
Music: Oliver Holden
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Scripture Reading

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

*"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 8:31-39

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 1:3

In Christ Alone

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, by the power of Your Spirit
You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have often persisted in ways that lead to death,
and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is Head of the Church, His Body. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us
to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Song of Renewal

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

Prayers of the People

The world: Hope International, a Christian microfinance organization

The Northside: Northside Outreach Center, ministry in Highland Park

Our church: Inaugural membership class, starting July 11

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

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.

Just a Closer Walk

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Traditional folk song
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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.

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

God feeds us with His Word

Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon Text

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Isaiah 40:8

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

*Today's sermon is given by
pastor Matt Lorish.*

*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.

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

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God.
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,
And I, His grace, record.

Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,
And there, it dwells for me.
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,
With treasures rich and free.

Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet,
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness, I roam,
His mercies, I'll proclaim.
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
For, He for me was slain.
And me, with all the heavenly throng,
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

chorus

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God.
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,
And I, His grace, record.

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.

Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is

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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

*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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