



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

"Pride is the mother hen under which all other sins are hatched."

- C. S. Lewis

*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.*

# We gather in the presence of God

## *Just a Closer Walk*

*Words and music:*  
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## Song of Gathering

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.

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.

*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)*

*God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.*

## *Psalm 84:1-4*

*Please stand if able.*

## Welcome and Call to Worship

**Leader:** *How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

**People:** *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

**Leader:** *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

**People:** *Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!*

## Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,  
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*chorus*

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

*chorus*

## Scripture Reading

*Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

***Arise, My Soul, Arise***

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Kevin Twit  
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*"Surety" is referring to Jesus,  
derived from Hebrews 7:22:  
"by so much more Jesus has  
become a **surety** of a better  
covenant." (NKJV)  
It means that Jesus' work on  
the cross is the solid founda-  
tion for reconciliation with  
God.*

***Isaiah 53:1-5***

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

*Please read together.*

**Romans 5:6,8**

***Jesus! What a Friend for  
Sinners***

*Words: Wilbur Chapman  
Music: Rowland Pritchard  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all so easily:

Pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny,  
consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses,  
and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.

God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character.

Keep us from treating Your patience as permissiveness.

Astonish us with a godly fear, which will not drive us to despair,

but cause us to number our days and cling to the cross of Christ, the friend of sinners.

In His name, 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

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows over me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

*chorus*

Jesus! I do now adore Him,

more than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness,

I am His, and He is mine.

*chorus*

*chorus*

# 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

New Member Vows - Jirrom and Tirhas Woldemariam  
Baptism - Emmanuel Woldemariam

## 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 basket.  
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

Before all worlds began,  
You are the great I AM.  
Father, Spirit, and Son,  
Eternal Three-In-One.

You left Your awesome throne,  
To justify Your own.  
Flesh cloaked Your majesty.  
Oh, what humility!

Jesus, You died for me,  
and now abide in me.  
What can I give to You?  
Lord, help me live for You!

Fulfilled within Yourself,  
in need of no one else,  
Even though all things change,  
You still remain the same.

And though all things are Yours,  
You made Yourself so poor.  
You walked a perfect path,  
and for the Father's wrath.

Help me stay in Your word,  
Help me obey You, Lord.  
And when we finally meet,  
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.

You alone are God!

Holy is our God!

You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass,  
A universe so vast.  
Most things no eye can see,  
Yet still bring You glory.

So blind I had no clue.  
Oh, how I ran from You!  
Wickedness had me bound,  
Until You tracked me down.

The man You made rebelled,  
Condemned himself to hell.  
It was all in Your plan,  
To glorify the Lamb.

Your law revealed my sin,  
My corruption within,  
It drove me to Your cross,  
Where You paid my sin's cost.

Mighty is our God!

Faithful is our God!

## ***You Alone Are God***

*Words and music:  
Shai Linne*

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

***Philippians 2:5-8***

***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

*5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

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 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

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died

My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.

His pow'rful blood did once atone,

And now it pleads before the throne,

And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;

He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set -

My Surety paid the dreadful debt,

My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died...

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.

The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.

Not all that hell or sin can say

Shall turn His heart, His love, away

Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

*chorus*

Should all the hosts of death

and pow'rs of hell unknown

Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on

I shall be safe, for Christ displays

His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace;

His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

*chorus*

*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be 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 My Great High Priest**

*Words: Isaac Watts  
(chorus by Kirk Ward)  
Music: Kirk Ward  
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*Hebrews 4:14-5:10*

We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## *It Is Finished*

Words: Thomas Kelly  
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.  
Murphy  
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Music

“Approbation” means an  
expression of warm  
approval.

## Song of Rejoicing

“It is finished!” – Sinners, hear it!

Tis the dying Victor’s cry;

“It is finished!” – Angels bear it,

Bear the joyful truth on high:

“It is finished!”

Tell it through the earth and sky!

“It is finished!”

Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station,  
Bars the sinner’s peace no more.

Justice views with **approbation**

What the Savior did and bore.

Grace and mercy  
now display their boundless store.

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“It is finished!” – All is over,

Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.

Such the truth these words discover,

Thus the victory was obtained.

‘Tis a victory

none but Jesus could have gained.

‘Tis a victory

none but Jesus could have gained.

Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown Him,

Who His people’s foes o’ercame!

In the highest heaven enthrone Him,

Men and angels sound His fame!

Great His glory!

Jesus bears a matchless name.

Great His glory!

Jesus bears a matchless name.

*repeat*

## 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

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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