



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"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."

- Augustus M. Toplady, "Rock of Ages"

*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 prepar-
ing for worship by praying,
reading the meditation
quotes above, or singing
along.*

How Firm a Foundation

Words: John Rippon

*Music: Early American
melody*

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*A recognition of the
presence of God among
us, which influences the
posture of our hearts.*

Psalm 67

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials
your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

Leader: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.*

People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

Leader: *The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.*

People: *God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

Song of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Scripture Reading

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus Shall Reign

*Words: Isaac Watts
Music: John Hatton
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Isaiah 61:1-4

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:6

Amazing Grace

*Words by John Newton
and John Rees (v.6)
Traditional American tune
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven,
You have ushered in a new creation in Your Son, yet we draw back.
You tell us to come to You in desperation,
yet we attempt to avoid You while we try to patch up our lives.
You tell us to come to You so that You can show us mercy,
yet at times we come to You only to impress You.
You tell us to come to You trusting in Your love,
yet at times we have stayed away because we are suspicious.
This day, convince us of Your love, overwhelm us with Your grace,
And melt our hearts with Your mercy.
In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Song of Renewal

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

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: Kevin and Katie Shaffer, church plant in London

The Northside: Northside Outreach Center, ministry in Highland Park

Our church: CARITAS, a ministry for the homeless in Richmond

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

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

*Author unknown
Traditional folk song
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 5:1-3

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. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Were it ever without Thee.
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,

Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

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.

Dayspring

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Alex Mejias

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

God sends us out refreshed

The Doxology

*Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Louis Bourgeois
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Songs of Rejoicing

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.

But For You Who Fear My Name

*Words: Leonard E. Smith
Jr., adapted from Malachi
4:2; 3:17
Music: Leonard E. Smith Jr.
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Jerusalem Music*

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.

*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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