



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

All joy emphasizes our pilgrim status; always reminds, beckons, awakens desire.  
Our best havings are wantings.

- C.S. Lewis

*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.*

*The Holy God is present  
with us in worship, and He  
invites us to come to Him  
with true adoration.*

### ***Come Holy Spirit, Come***

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*Music: Hiram Ring*

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### ***Psalm 121***

*Please stand if able.*

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## Song of Gathering

Come Holy Spirit, come  
Let Thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds,  
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,  
Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wondering view reveal  
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breast the flame  
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,  
Our minds from bondage free;  
Then we shall know, and praise, and love  
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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## Call to Worship

Leader: *I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?*

**People: *My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.***

Leader: *He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

**People: *Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.***

Leader: *The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.*

**People: *The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.***

## Song of Praise

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine,  
out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger.  
God, You are higher than any other!  
Our God is healer, awesome in power -  
Our God, our God!

And if our God is for us,  
then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us,  
then what could stand against?

## Confession of Sin

King of Glory, You came to us as true peace in the midst of our warfare,  
as true freedom to release us from our bondage to sin,  
as true refuge from our unrest and affliction.  
Yet we have rebelled from Your authority,  
going our own way by disobeying Your commands and ignoring our neighbors.

For our treason, You died; for our restoration, You rose again.  
Loving Father, draw us close to You now and forgive our sins.  
Please renew our allegiance to You, increase our faith, amaze us with Your grace,  
and help us seek peace with one another. Amen

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## Our God

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*Romans 8:31  
Psalm 135:5*

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

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

## **Mighty To Save**

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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews 2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

*Being reconciled with God through Christ enables us to seek peace with each other and participate in His work.*

*God designed worship to include the voluntary giving of offerings by His people.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Everyone needs compassion,  
love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior,  
the hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save!  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,  
all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender.

*chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

*chorus*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Update and prayer: Summer college interns

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

*On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.*

*When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

Draw me close to You, never let me go.  
I lay it all down again,  
to hear You say that I'm Your friend.

Lord, You're my desire; no one else will do.  
'Cause nothing else can take Your place,  
to feel the warmth of Your embrace.  
Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

Oh, oh, oh...  
You're all I want;  
You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want;  
Help me know You are near!

verse

chorus

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
to the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
to Thy precious, bleeding side.

**John 6:22-29**

### *Draw Me Close*

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### *Draw Me Nearer*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Genesis 25:19-34**

## Sermon Text

*19 These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. 21 And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."*

*24 When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.*

*27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.*

*29 Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.*

**Isaiah 40:8**

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Assistant Pastor Joel  
Passmore.*

## Sermon

*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

Gluten-free, nut-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

There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.  
There is love pouring out  
of the wounds that were made,  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body,  
raised that third day.  
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

There is hope pouring out  
of the tomb where He lay,  
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

*chorus*

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And wore our sins...

*chorus*

*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.*

## God Who Saves

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We go out with renewed  
faith to love our God and  
our neighbors.

### ***Leaning On The Everlasting Arms***

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Deuteronomy 33:27

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song of Rejoicing**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*chorus*

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*chorus*

## **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**

Every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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