



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

*"You don't need to weigh others down to lighten your own burden."*

- Chuck Holliday

*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.*

## ***Jesus, Cast a Look On Me***

Words: John Berridge  
Music: Matthew Perryman  
Jones  
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*A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.*

### ***Psalm 100***

*Please stand if able.*

## **Song of Gathering**

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity;  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside;  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled;  
Seeking only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest;  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give;  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

## **We gather in the presence of God**

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!*

**People: *Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord, he is God!***

Leader: *It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

**People: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!***

Leader: *Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

**People: *For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.***

## Song of Praise

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.

### *How Firm a Foundation*

*Words: John Rippon  
Music: Early American  
melody  
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## Scripture Reading

*O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly Galatians 3:1-7  
portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by  
hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by  
the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain - if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the  
Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith - just  
as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?*

*Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

*Please read together.*

**Daniel 9:9,18**

**God of My Life, To Thee I Call**

*Words: William Cowper  
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Pocta  
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*Here's another way to phrase the last 2 lines of the chorus:  
When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you can be confident of your spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance.*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God, though You guide and protect us as our Shepherd, we flee from You.  
Though You rule heaven and earth as King, we give our all to our tiny kingdom.  
Though You justify us as the Prince of Peace, we console ourselves with our sins.  
Though Your Cross has graciously satisfied Divine wrath,  
we foolishly war against You and one another.  
Though You declare, "New Creation!" we just prefer the old.  
Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.  
Lord Jesus Christ, deliver us from our sins.  
Holy Spirit, renew us after the image of our Creator.  
Grant us Your peace. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . . We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

## Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,  
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

*chorus*

When the great water floods prevail,  
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

That were a grief I could not bear,  
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.  
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,  
Supports me under every load.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,  
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.  
And he is safe and must succeed,  
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

*chorus*

Friend of the friendless and the faint,  
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?  
Where but with Thee, whose open door,  
Invites the helpless and the poor!

*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

### Prayers of the People

The world: Kevin and Katie Shaffer, church plant in London

The Northside: The Timothy Project, outreach to John Marshall High School

Our church: To be a church marked by gospel-centered leadership

## 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

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.

***Come Holy Spirit, Come***

*Words: Joseph Hart*

*Music: Hiram Ring*

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

**Galatians 5:25-6:5**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Chuck Holliday, pastor  
of River of Life PCA in  
Orlando, FL.*

*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

*25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

*1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.*

**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

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 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.*

**God Who Saves**

*Words and music: Aaron Senseman*

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## **How Great Thou Art**

*Words and music:  
Stuart K. Hine  
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## **Song of Rejoicing**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*chorus*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim,  
“My God, how great Thou art!”

*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](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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