



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"Thus there is a difference between having an opinion, that God is holy and gracious, and having a sense of the loveliness and beauty of that holiness and grace. There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness."

- Jonathan Edwards, from the sermon A Divine and Supernatural Light

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.

Thou Poor, Afflicted, Tempted Soul

Words: John Berridge
Music: Brian T. Murphy &
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*A recognition of the
presence of God among
us, which influences the
posture of our hearts.*

Isaiah 25:1, 6-9

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

Thou poor, afflicted, tempted soul,
With fears, and doubts, and tempests tossed.
What if the billows rise and roll,
And dash thy ship, it is not lost.

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.
The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

What ails those eyes bedewed with tears?
Those laboring sighs that heave thy breast?
Those oft repeated, broken prayers?
Dost thou not long for Jesus' rest?

And can the Lord pass heedless by,
And see a mourning sinner die?
And can the Lord pass heedless by,
And see a sad and mourning sinner die?

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But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.
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But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.*

People: *On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

Leader: *And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

People: *He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.*

Leader: *It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.*

People: *This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

Song of Praise

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,
And their time of glory soon shall pass.
But the word of God, it will never die.
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,
Every hill and mountain be made low,
Every rugged place will be made flat,
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,
raise your voice and shout,
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

chorus (x2)

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

Every Ditch, Every Valley

*Words and music:
Peter La Grand
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Scripture Reading

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 34:8

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

Please read together.

Matthew 20:28

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, We confess how unlike You we are in our attitudes and actions.
We strive for recognition and acclaim from others, and we become bitter if we do not get it.
We look out for our own needs and concerns,
failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes.
Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts.
Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away.
Work in us by the power of your Spirit
so that we are conformed to the likeness of Your Suffering Servant
and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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: Missional living this holiday weekend and beyond

Offering

We see giving as a part of worship. If you feel the same way we invite you to participate.

Song of Preparation

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

chorus

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that You are with me,
Will be with me to the end.

chorus

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

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

God feeds us with His Word

John 2:1–11

Sermon Text

1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

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

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Music: Alex Mejias

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

God sends us out refreshed

Days of Elijah

*Words and music:
Robin Mark*

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Song of Rejoicing

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call!
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.

chorus

There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah

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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