



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

We shall have to break our habit of having church in such a way that people are deceived into thinking that they can be Christians and remain strangers.

- Stanley Hauerwas, *Resident Aliens*

Building community means thinking about the needs of others before we think about ourselves. It means learning to appreciate the discomfort of being with people who aren't like us. It means learning personal sacrifice. It means setting aside time in our already crammed schedules to "waste our time" with other people who will cramp our styles and who don't care about our personal agendas.

- Wes Roberts and Glenn Marshall, *Reclaiming God's Original Intent for the Church*

*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.*

# We gather in the presence of God

## *Just a Closer Walk*

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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.

*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)*

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.

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

*Psalms 106:1-2, 47-48*

*Please stand if able.*

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

People: ***Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!***

Leader: *Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?*

People: ***Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,***

Leader: *that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.*

People: ***Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!***

Leader: *And let all the people say, "Amen!"*

People: ***Praise the LORD!***

## 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.

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

*Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**1 Corinthians 15:51-53**

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

*Please read together.*

**1 Peter 2:24**

### ***Depth of Mercy***

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint  
Wells, Brian T. Murphy  
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Music*

# **We confess our sin and receive grace**

## **Confession of Sin**

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -  
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,  
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,  
possessions diminish our love for You,  
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.  
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;  
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,  
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,  
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.  
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Depth of mercy! Can there be  
mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God His wrath forbear,  
me, the chief of sinners, spare?  
I have long withstood His grace,  
long provoked Him to His face,  
Would not hearken to His calls,  
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I have spilt His precious blood,  
trampled on the Son of God,  
Filled with pangs unspeakable,  
I, who yet am not in hell!  
I my Master have denied,  
I afresh have crucified,  
And profaned His hallowed Name,  
put Him to an open shame.

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood!  
He disarms the wrath of God;  
Now my Father's mercies move,  
justice lingers into love.  
There for me the Savior stands,  
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.  
God is love! I know, I feel;  
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Pity from Thine eye let fall,  
by a look my soul recall;  
Now the stone to flesh convert,  
cast a look, and break my heart.  
Now incline me to repent,  
let me now my sins lament,  
Now my foul revolt deplore,  
weep, believe, and sin no more.

# We respond to the grace received

*Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.*

*The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.*

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

### Prayers of the People

The world: Travis and Amy Johnson, beginning home ministry assignment

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation, tutoring ministry in the Northside

Our church: Church-wide retreat, April 26-28

## Offering

*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.

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### ***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.*

***Philippians 3:20-4:1***

***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

*20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

*1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*

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

Gluten-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

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,  
And there, it dwells for me.  
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,  
With treasures rich and free.

Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet,  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness, I roam,  
His mercies, I'll proclaim.  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,  
For, He for me was slain.  
And me, with all the heavenly throng,  
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

*chorus*

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

*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**

*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, The Lord, My Savior Is**

*Words: William Gadsby  
Music: Sandra McCracken  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

### ***Days of Elijah***

*Words and music:  
Robin Mark  
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*This song has plenty of rich  
imagery from Scripture.  
For Moses and Elijah in  
connection with the day of  
the Lord and Jesus see  
Malachi 4:4-6, Matthew  
11:13-14, and Matthew  
17:1-13.*

*For Jesus coming with the  
trumpet call see 1 Thessalo-  
nians 4:16.*

*For the year of Jubilee, see  
Leviticus 25:10-12.*

*For the dry bones coming  
alive see Ezekiel 37:1-14.*

*For the harvest and fields  
see Matthew 9:37-38 and  
John 4:35-36.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **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  
*repeat*

*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**

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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