



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying."

- Martin Luther

"Father Time steals our days like a thief
There's no price that I wouldn't pay to get some relief
I've become the empty shell
Of a man I don't like so well
I am a living, breathing hell
Come on and resurrect me"

- Jon Foreman, "Resurrect Me"

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.

Dayspring

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Alex Mejias

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

Psalm 63:1-5

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

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.

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You;
my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

People: *I have seen You in the sanctuary
and beheld Your power and Your glory.
Because Your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify You.*

Leader: *I will praise You as long as I live,
and in Your name I will lift up my hands.*

People: *My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise You.*

Song of Praise

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hands have made, *chorus*
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!

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!”

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing, *chorus*
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.

Scripture Reading

*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.
And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
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.
It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

How Great Thou Art

Words, music: Stuart K. Hine
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Please stand if able.

Isaiah 25:6-9

The “mountain” referenced in this passage is Mount Zion. Further background can be found in Isaiah 2:2-4; 4:5; 11:9; 24:23; 65:25; and Hebrews 12:22.

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

Please read together.

2 Corinthians 5:17,21

Great God From Thee

Words: John Newton
Music: Justin Smith
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

O Lord, You are the Giver of every good gift. You have given us so much. Yet, in our ingratitude and sin, we rebel in lust for more. We have coveted what our neighbor has been given. Even worse, we have loved and trusted the gifts, rather than resting on You, the Giver. For Christ's sake, forgive us for sinning against You, and for our slowness to trust You and give You thanks. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

Song of Renewal

Great God from Thee
there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed,
Exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear,
What in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear,
Most holy God to Thee?

But since my Savior stands between,
In garments dyed in blood,
'Tis He instead of me is seen,
When I approach to God.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe,
He pleads before the throne,

His life and death in my behalf,
And calls my sins His own.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine.
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

Great God from Thee
there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed,
Exactly as I am.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine.
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

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, the Northside, and our church: Orphan Sunday

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

chorus

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

chorus

He knows my name,
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
and He hears me when I call.

He Knows My Name

*Words, music: Tommy Walker
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

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. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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 Pastoral Intern Joel
Passmore.*

*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

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my victory wins.

chorus

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows over me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

chorus

Jesus! I do now adore Him,

more than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness,

I am His, and He is mine.

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.

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Words: Wilbur Chapman

Music: Rowland Pritchard

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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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In Christ Alone

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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*At the end of the service,
please pick up your children
from the nursery.*

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.

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.

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 it's grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Brought with the precious blood of Christ.

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.
'Till 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.

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.
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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