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Meditations

"First, God. God is the subject of life. God is foundational for living. If we don't have a sense of the primacy of God, we will never get it right, get life right, get our lives right. Not God at the margins; not God as an option; not God on the weekends. God at center and circumference; God first and last; God, God, God." - Eugene Peterson

Song of Gathering

Up on a mountain our Lord is alone,
Without a family, friends, or a home.
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you stay with me?"
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you wait with me?"

Up on a mountain our Lord is afraid,
Carrying all the mistakes we have made.

And He knew it's a long way down.
Do you know it's a long way down?

Up in the heavens our Lord prays for you,
He sends His spirit to carry us through.
So it's true that you're not alone.
Do you know he came all the way down?

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.

Up On A Mountain

*Words, music: Vito Aiuto
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A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.

Psalm 96:1-6

Please stand if able.

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Words: Reginald Heber
Music: John B. Dykes
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John 1:1-5

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!*

People: *Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Leader: *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

People: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

Leader: *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.*

People: *Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

Song of Praise

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,

Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man,
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
All thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Scripture Reading

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

We confess our sin and receive grace

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

Confession of Sin

Our Father in Heaven, sovereign over all, our life is found in You alone.

Please read together.

We confess that we have been mesmerized by the wealth and glory of our culture, and strive to make a heaven of this world.

We confess that we have compromised our allegiance to You, to avoid the rejection and alienation of our peers, and have not trusted You as our Refuge.

We confess that we have shrunk from those in need, retreated from those we fear, and hoped downfall for those we envy.

We confess that we have not been stewards of gifts and talents for Your glory, Your mission, and the common good.

Father in Heaven, forgive us; save us from the sweetness of sin as well as its bitterness.

Lord Jesus Christ, redeem us; keep us in God's faith and love.

Holy Spirit, renew us; that we might bear fruit to the glory of Your Kingdom.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Great God From Thee

Words: John Newton

Music: Justin Smith

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Please stand if able.

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!

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

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

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

We respond to the grace received

Community Life

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The world: South Sudan, the birth of a nation

The Northside: Area schools, the new school year

Our church: Northside Groups, formation and community building

Offering

Song of Preparation

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!

Jesus, Cast a Look On Me

Words: John Berridge
Music: Matthew Perryman
Jones
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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

Genesis 1:1-25

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And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds - livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

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

People: Praise be to God!

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

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 has risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Supper

Please come forward when ready, and gather at a communion station in groups of 4-6. 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 when you come forward. Partake of the elements at the communion station, and deposit your cup in a basket on your way back to your seat.

Song of Communion

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

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

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

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

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.

He Knows My Name

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

God sends us out refreshed

How Great Thou Art

*Words, 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), 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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