

northside church of RICHMOND

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Meditations

In some ways biblically-based churches find it easier to deal with false teaching. But personal differences can be almost as deadly, dividing the fellowship, sowing seeds of bitterness, diverting attention from central issues to sometimes petty, peripheral concerns, sucking energy that should be employed in building up believers and in reaching out to the community. How we handle these differences may say more about the biblical character of our church life than how we handle heresy.

- Sinclair Ferguson

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

How Sweet the Name

Words: John Newton Music: Alexander Reinagle Arrangment: Bill Moore © Bill Moore Music

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Song of Gathering

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast. Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary rest.

Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought; But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought. Dear name, the Rock on which I build My shield and hiding place, My never-failing treasury filled with Boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 7-9

Please stand if able.

Welcome and Call to Worship

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

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

Leader: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

Leader: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

People: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Song of Praise

Before I knew what freedom was, Jesus set me free. With no control, a slave to sin, God was my enemy. But then He broke my rusty chains to share eternity. Before I knew what freedom was, Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.
He knew me in my mother's womb,
He knew my sinful tendencies.
Adopted by His saving grace
into His family.
Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.
I was defeated in my sins,
death had the victory.
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,
That day on Calvary.
Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I Knew

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Scripture Reading

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Mark 9:33-35

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

Please read together.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered from You like lost sheep.

We have elevated our desires above Your will.

We have broken Your holy laws.

Again and again, we have refused to listen to Your Spirit.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, and restore those who confess their faults.

Teach us to listen and obey.

Show us that life and health are only found in You.

Again and again, give us grace and strength to be Your disciples.

According to Your promises declared in Christ Jesus, to the glory of Your holy Name. 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.

Matthew 20:28

Amazing Grace

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Song of Renewal

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come,
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we'd first begun.

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

New Member Vows and Baptism - Surya Dean

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

You are the God who loves, You are the God who listens, I cast my cares at Your feet. You are the God who hears, You are the God who answers, You know just what I need.

> Abba, Father, You are near to all who call upon Your name. Savior, Healer, You are near to all who call upon Your name.

verse

chorus (x2)

Nothing is impossible for You.
Heaven and earth are at Your command.
Nothing is impossible for You.
You are the great I AM.
repeat

chorus (x2)

All Who Call

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Romans 10:12-13 Luke 1:37 Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

God feeds us with His Word

Philippians 4:2-3

Sermon Text

2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

Today's sermon is given by pastor Matt Lorish.

Sermon

We encourage you to use this space to take notes or write questions.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

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.

Song of Communion

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, 0 bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, 0 Ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be Thou My Vision

Words: Dallan Forgaill, 8th century; translated from ancient Irish to English by Mary E. Byrne Music: Slane, of Irish folk origin Public domain We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and music: Matt and Beth Redman ©2002 Thankyou Music

Job 1:21-22 Psalm 113:2-3 Daniel 2:20-23

Song of Rejoicing

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name! Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name! Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me, When the world's all as it should be,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering,

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say:

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You give and take away, You give and take away, My heart will choose to say "Lord, blessed be Your name."

repeat

chorus

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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