



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

If you care about flourishing and the common good, then you have to care about education. But if education is going to make a difference, we also need to be concerned about the environments from which students emerge. In other words, we need to care about the family as the matrix of culture.all of us—not just parents—have a stake in the social architecture of the family.

- James K.A. Smith

*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.*

The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.

Oh Give Thanks

*Words and music:
Judith McAllister*

Psalms 107 and 118

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Psalm 34:1-5

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!
For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!

Call to Worship

Leader: *I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

**People: *My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.***

Leader: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

**People: *I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.***

Song of Praise

Clap your hands, all ye people;
Lift up praises filled with joy!
Begin to dance, come let us sing;
our God is great, He is the King!

repeat

Let the praises of God's people
resound in Zion's house!

repeat

chorus

Magnify the Lord with me;
Let us exalt His name;
His name is glorious!

repeat

Confession of Sin

Loving Lord and King, all of our lives are laid bare before Your eyes:

We often promote ourselves, and overlook people around us.
We nurse anger and envy in secret, while wearing a cheery façade.
We tether our joy to our circumstances, rather than to the gospel.

We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You cover us in Jesus Christ.

Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise!
His blood is your peace, His death is your life, His Spirit is your power."
Convince us that a life lived in Your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Clap Your Hands

*Words and music:
Dr. R. A. Vernon & "The
Word" Church Praise Team*

Psalm 47:1, 34:3

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

Isaiah 53:6

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*Words and music:
Stuart Townend
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Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turned His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one,
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

repeat

*Being reconciled with God
through Christ enables us to
seek peace with each other
and participate in His work.*

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and prayer: Summer outreach and interns

*God designed worship to
include the voluntary giving
of offerings by His people.*

Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket. The mercy fund is used for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

Scripture Reading

*The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.
His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!
Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.
For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

You don't have to worry,
and don't you be afraid.
Joy comes in the morning,
troubles they don't last always.
For there's a friend named Jesus,
who will wipe your tears away.
And if your heart is broken,
just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it,
I know that I can stand.
No matter what may come my way,
my life is in Your hands.

verse 1

Oh, I know that I can make it,
I know that I can stand.
No matter what may come my way,
my life is in Your hands.
With Jesus I can take it,
with Him I know I can stand.
No matter what may come my way,
my life is in Your hands.

So when your tests and trials,
they seem to get you down.
And all your friends and loved ones,
are nowhere to be found.
Remember there's a friend in Jesus,
who will wipe your tears away,
And if your heart is broken,
just lift your hands and say:

chorus 2

Psalm 97

***My Life Is In Your
Hands***

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*Deuteronomy 31:6
Isaiah 25:8
James 1:2*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Genesis 26

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. 2 And the Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. 4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, 5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

6 So Isaac settled in Gerar. 7 When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," for he feared to say, "My wife," thinking, "lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah," because she was attractive in appearance. 8 When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac laughing with Rebekah his wife. 9 So Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, 'She is my sister?'" Isaac said to him, "Because I thought, 'Lest I die because of her.'" 10 Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us." 11 So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, "Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

12 And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him, 13 and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. 14 He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. 15 (Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.) 16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

17 So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. 18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them. 19 But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, 20 the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. 21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. 22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

23 From there he went up to Beersheba. 24 And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake." 25 So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the Lord and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26 When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, 27 Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?" 28 They said, "We see plainly that the Lord has been with you. So we said, let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, 29 that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord." 30 So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31 In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths. And Isaac sent them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. 32 That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, "We have found water." 33 He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

34 When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beer the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, 35 and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.

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

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, nut-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

Bread of heaven, sent down from glory,
Many things You were on Earth:
A holy King, a carpenter.
You are the living Word.

Awesome Ruler, gentle Redeemer,
God with us, the living Truth,
And what a friend we have in You.
You are the living Word.

Jesus, Jesus - that's what we call You,
Manger born, put on a tree,
You died to save humanity.
You are the living Word!

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

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

You Are the Living Word

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*John 1:1, 6:35
Matthew 21:5*

We go out with renewed
faith to love our God and
our neighbors.

Swallowed Up Death

Words: Megan Pettipole
and David Potter

Music: Luke and Megan

Pettipole

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God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

The whole of nature groans with longing,
We ache for that promised glory.
Still we rejoice because we know -
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

The whole of nature groans with longing,
We wait for that promised glory.
Still we rejoice because we know,
that sorrow's end is coming.

He will swallow up death
and wipe the tears from our faces!
He will swallow up death
and wipe the tears from our faces!
We'll sing, "This is our God we've waited for,
and He saved us!"
He will swallow up death
and wipe the tears from our faces!

Here in the darkness of our mourning,
We wait for the Light that's coming.
And on that day we will return,
with joy and gladness singing.

chorus

Behold, your God – He will come and save you!
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

Every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of
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