



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

"Indeed the Bible as a whole is best understood as a story or drama. To be sure, the Bible does more than tell a story. Scripture includes psalms and proverbs, songs and prayers, moral instruction and doctrinal reflection. But what holds it all together, what makes it a unified revelation is the storyline, what theologians often call the drama of redemption."

- Michael Williams, *Far As the Curse is Found*

*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*

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

**Psalm 105:1-4**

*Please stand if able.*

## **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?

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## **We gather in the presence of God**

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Leader:** *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

**People:** *Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!*

**Leader:** *Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**People:** *Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!*

## Songs of Praise

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better,

you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requireth  
is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

## *Come Ye Sinners*

*Words: Joseph Hart  
Music: Matthew Smith  
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## Scripture Reading

*8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.' " 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.*

*2 Samuel 7:8-17*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

*Please read together.*

*Romans 5:6,8*

*Great God From Thee*

*Words: John Newton*

*Music: Justin Smith*

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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Lord, You alone are full of grace and truth, but we have not kept watch for You.  
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have sought our own glory above Yours.  
We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of others around us.  
We have not acknowledged Your beauty and the love that You have shown us.  
Forgive us for our sins against You.  
Heavenly Father, help us to yield to the wisdom of Your ways;  
Lord Jesus, lead us to live in light of Your coming;  
Holy Spirit, give us faith to see that You are truly among us; Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## 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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there's nought concealed,  
Thou seest my inward frame.  
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And His obedience mine!

# We respond to the grace received

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

## Community Life

Work In Progress - Hunter and Adrienne Thompson

*A time to hear how God is working in the life of our church members.*

## Prayers of the People

**The world:** Church plant in Prague, Czech Republic

**The Northside:** Boaz and Ruth, a non-profit organization in Highland Park

**Our church:** To be a church marked by kindness

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
by His life He brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
of Thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
glad tidings of a birth;  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Born Thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone,  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Rowland Pritchard  
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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

**Matthew 1:1-17**

*1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.  
2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David the king.  
And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7 and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8 and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9 and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10 and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.  
12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.*

**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  
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.*

# 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

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. (repeat)

Dayspring from on high, be near.  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

*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.*

### Dayspring

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Music: Alex Mejias  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

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Music: Christopher Miner  
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## **Song of Rejoicing**

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

*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](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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