



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

The glory of God is man fully alive, and the life of man is the vision of God.

- Irenaeus (2nd century)

*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

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

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Music: Christopher Miner  
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*God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.*

***Psalm 135:1-3, 5-6, 13***

*Please stand if able.*

## **Song of Gathering**

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.

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*

**People:** *Praise the name of the Lord,  
give praise, O servants of the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord,  
in the courts of the house of our God!*

Leader: *Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

**People:** *For I know that the Lord is great,  
and that our Lord is above all gods.*

Leader: *Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.*

**People:** *Your name, O Lord, endures forever,  
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.*

## 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.

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

*Words: Reginald Heber  
Music: John B. Dykes  
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## Scripture Reading

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

*And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

***Revelation 21:1-5a***

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

*Please read together.*

**Romans 5:6,8**

**Mighty To Save**

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*Hebrews 2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, You have ushered in a new creation in Your Son,  
yet we draw back and live like before.  
You tell us to come to You in desperation,  
yet we try to avoid You while we attempt to patch up our lives.  
You invite us to come to You so that You can show us mercy,  
yet sometimes we come only to impress You.  
You tell us to come to You trusting in Your love,  
yet we hesitate because we doubt You will provide.  
This day, convince us of Your love, overwhelm us with Your grace,  
and melt our hearts with Your mercy.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Everyone needs compassion,  
love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior,  
The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save!  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,  
all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender.

*chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

*chorus*

# 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 - Jason and Kristie Garofalo, Adam and Beth Sitterding

## Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the mercy fund in 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.

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

## 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;  
Seeing 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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*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

**Isaiah 25:4-9**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given by  
Kevin Greene, Associate  
Pastor at West End  
Presbyterian Church.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, 5 like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down.*

*6 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. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 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. 9 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 grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**People: Praise be to God!**

## Sermon

# 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.*

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

## 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

We love our God,  
He always hears us when we cry,  
His peace is so complete,  
His love is so divine.

We love our God,  
we'll live and die to see His fame,  
There's nothing greater than  
the glory of His Name.

Sing a song (sing a song)  
of praise unto the Lord,  
Sing a song (sing a song)  
of praise unto the Lord,  
Sing a song (sing a song)  
of praise unto the Lord,  
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

*chorus*

We love our God,  
we long to see His Kingdom come,  
And on that day then  
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

*chorus (x2)*

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

### **We Love Our God**

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***The Doxology***

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## **Song 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.

## ***Every Ditch, Every Valley***

*Words and music:  
Peter La Grand  
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A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,  
And their time of glory soon shall pass.  
But the word of God, it will never die.  
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,  
Every hill and mountain be made low,  
Every rugged place will be made flat,  
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,  
raise your voice and shout,  
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.  
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,  
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

*chorus (x2)*

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

*Isaiah 40*

## **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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