



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

*Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.*

- 2 Corinthians 7:1

*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.*

### **Everlasting God**

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*Isaiah 40:28-31*

*Psalm 147:1, 3-5, 10-11*

*Please stand if able.*

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## **Song of Gathering**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.  
Our hope, our strong Deliverer!

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need,  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: *Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

**People:** ***He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.***

Leader: *He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.*

**People:** ***Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.***

Leader: *His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,*

**People:** ***but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.***

## Song of Praise

My God is awesome, He can move mountains,  
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.  
My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,  
Strength where I've been weakened,  
forever He will reign.

*repeat*

My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!  
My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world  
Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed.  
My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,  
His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name!

*chorus*

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty!  
Awesome, awesome!

He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, He's holy!  
Awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!  
Awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!  
Awesome, awesome!

Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!  
Awesome, awesome!

Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer!  
Awesome, awesome!

## *Awesome*

*Words and music:*

*Charles Jenkins*

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## Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior, forgive our lukewarm worship,  
our callousness toward suffering,  
our obsession with comfort and pleasure,  
and our indifference to Your commands.

Holy Spirit, teach us to repent and depend on You, to work for what is good,  
to love what You love, and to eagerly follow You. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. 1 Peter 3:18a*

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

*Please read together*

## ***Mighty To Save***

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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews 2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

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

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

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

*chorus*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Update and Prayer: The Aryee family

## **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

*Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!  
Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father,  
a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same -  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name.

*chorus*

"Fear not," then said the angel,  
"Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Savior,  
of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him  
from Satan's power and might."

*chorus*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
all other doth efface.

*chorus*

**Psalm 96:6-13**

**God Rest You Merry,  
Gentlemen**

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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

**1 Thessalonians 3:11-13**

*11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

**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 Rev. Bob Becker, Pastor  
of New City Fellowship of  
Fredericksburg, VA.*

## Sermon

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

# 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.*

### **Victory In Jesus**

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# God sends us out refreshed

## Song of Rejoicing

I heard an old, old story,  
how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,  
my Savior, forever!  
He sought me and bought me  
with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him,  
and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory  
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again  
and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
to me the victory.

*chorus*

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him  
the song of victory.

*chorus (x2)*

## 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**

Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church @ the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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