



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

In the Olympic sport of Luge, you've got to lie completely down on the sled in order to go fast. The more you rest on the sled the better your chance to win.

*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*

*CCLI #: 11107331*

*Psalm 70:4-5*

*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: *May all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you!*

**People:** *May those who love your salvation  
say evermore, "God is great!"*

Leader: *But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, O God!*

**People:** *You are my help and my deliverer;  
O LORD, do not delay!*

## Song of Praise

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine,  
out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger.  
God, You are higher than any other!  
Our God is healer, awesome in power -  
Our God, our God!

And if our God is for us,  
then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us,  
then what could stand against?

## Confession of Sin

Holy and gracious Lord, together we acknowledge that we are a forgetful people:  
Total dependence on You is frightening, so we seek comfort and control.  
Setting You aside, we search in vain for something more satisfying.  
And lost in ourselves, we miss opportunities to encourage and serve others.

By Your Spirit, remind us of the truth:

You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
You died to pay for our sins and free us; You were raised to give us life now and forever.  
And You are coming back to renew us and the world.

We repent, and we remember. Restore us, oh Lord!

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* **1 Peter 1:3**

## Our God

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*Romans 8:31  
Psalm 135:5*

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

## **Awesome**

*Words and music:*

*Charles Jenkins*

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## **Song of Renewal**

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.

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!

*repeat*

My God is awesome, awesome,

awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,

awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!

Awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!

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!

Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!

Awesome, awesome!

*chorus*

Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer!

Awesome, awesome!

*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**

New Member Vows: Chris and Lexie Martin

Baptism: Lucas Scott Martin

*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

*Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

Come Holy Spirit, come  
Let Thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds,  
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,  
Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wondering view reveal  
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breast the flame  
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,  
Our minds from bondage free;  
Then we shall know, and praise, and love  
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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*Colossians 1:24-29*

*Come Holy Spirit, Come*

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

**1 Corinthians 15:8-11**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given by  
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Mission to North America  
for the PCA.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.*

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

## 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

There's nothing worth more,  
that will ever come close,  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.  
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free,  
and my shame is undone,  
in Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here,  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

*repeat*

There's nothing worth more,  
that will ever come close,  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.  
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free,  
and my shame is undone,  
in Your presence, Lord.

*chorus*

Let us become more aware of Your presence,  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

*repeat*

*chorus*

*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.*

## Holy Spirit

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*2 Corinthians 3:17  
Psalm 96: 8-13*

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

### **Like No Other**

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Philippians 2:9-11  
Acts 4:12  
Psalm 8:1  
Psalm 124:8  
Psalm 148:13

# God sends us out refreshed

## Song of Rejoicing

There is a name, a glorious name that I adore.  
It's deserving of praise; marvelous things You will perform.  
It brings calm to all my fears, and helps me to weather every storm.  
You give strength that I need. No name is greater than Yours!

*Women:*

That name!  
Jesus!  
That name!  
That name!

*Men:*

Something happens, when we call that name:  
Every knee will bow, every tongue proclaim!  
You have all power and Your power will remain.

*Together:* No other name!

It's a name that I call, no matter the day or the hour.  
He'll protect when I fall; You show Your strength, You show Your power.  
Heaven and earth, they will all pass away;  
But it's Your name that won't waver Lord, it won't change.

*chorus (x2)*

It soothes like no other. It calms like no other.  
It heals like no other. Reveals like no other.

## 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**

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

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