



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

"The greatness and the wretchedness of man are so evident that the true religion must necessarily teach us both that there is in man some great source of greatness, and a great source of wretchedness. It must then give us a reason for these astonishing contradictions."

-Pensees, *Blaise Pascal*

### **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?

*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 29:1-4, 10-11**

Please stand if able.

**Come Ye Sinners**

Words: Joseph Hart

Music: Matthew Smith

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# We gather in the presence of God

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

People: ***Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.***

Leader: *The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.*

People: ***The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.***

Leader: *The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*

People: ***May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!***

## Song 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.

## Scripture Reading

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Romans 8:18-23**

## We confess our sin and receive grace

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

### Confession of Sin

Father, we come before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, Who delights to dwell with the broken and contrite, to confess -

*Please read together.*

that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;  
that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul,  
that we have not loved You with all our mind and strength;  
that we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and by Your mercy direct what we are becoming; so that we may hereafter walk in the way of Your commands, and live to worship You. Renew us and change us, O Lord, for Jesus' sake we pray.

Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. 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.*

**Isaiah 53:5-6**

## *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Words: Robert Robinson  
Music: Ashael Nettleton  
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*“Ebenezer” means “stone of help.” It was the name of a monument to God’s faithfulness erected by Samuel, a judge of ancient Israel. See 1 Samuel 7:12.*

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

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

## Song of Renewal

Come thou fount of ev’ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it –  
mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
hither by Thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand’ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor,  
daily I’m constrained to be.  
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,  
bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it –  
seal it for Thy courts above. *(repeat)*

## We respond to the grace received

### Community Life

Baptism - Booker Carl Warren

### Prayers of the People

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

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

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

### Offering

## Song of Preparation

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.

### Dayspring

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Alex Mejias  
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## God feeds us with His Word

### Sermon Text

*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

*The LORD God said to the serpent,*

*"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.*

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

*To the woman he said,*

*"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*

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

### Genesis 3:8-19

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*And to Adam he said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

**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

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!

Great God from Thee  
there's nought concealed,  
Thou seest my inward frame.  
To Thee I always stand revealed,  
Exactly as I am.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,  
In this appointment shine.  
My breaches of the law are His,  
And His obedience mine!

*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.*

## Great God From Thee

*Words: John Newton  
Music: Justin Smith  
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*Please stand if able.*

We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Words: Louisa Stead

Music: William Kirkpatrick

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## Song of Rejoicing

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

*chorus*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

*chorus*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that You are with me,  
Will be with me to the end.

*chorus*

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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