



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

The miraculous signs that attested Jesus' deity and authenticated the witness of those who transmitted the gospel to the church is not continued, for their purpose was fulfilled. But the pattern of the kingdom that was revealed through these signs must continue in the church. . . . Kingdom evangelism is therefore holistic as it transmits by word and deed the promise of Christ for body and soul as well as the demand of Christ for body and soul.

- Ed Clowney, "Kingdom Evangelism"

*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.*

God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

### ***Just a Little Talk With Jesus***

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### ***Revelation 1:5a-8***

Please stand if able.

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

## **Song of Gathering**

I once was lost in sin,  
but Jesus took me in.  
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.  
Well He bathed my heart in love,  
and He wrote my name above.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,  
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.  
He will hear our faintest cry,  
He will answer by and by.  
When you feel a little prayerful yearning,  
You will know a little fire is burning.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,  
And your eyes be filled with tears,  
But Jesus is a friend who watches  
day and night.  
He wrote my name above,  
And he bathed my heart in love.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

*chorus*

*verse 1*

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood  
and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,*

**People: *to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

Leader: *Behold, he is coming with the clouds,  
and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him,*

**People: *and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.  
Even so. Amen.***

Leader: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,*

**People: *"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."***

## Song of Praise

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung,  
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord,  
And truth eternal is Thy Word.  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land begin the song,  
To every land the strains belong.  
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,  
And fill the world with loudest praise.

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!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## Scripture Reading

*Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;*  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

### ***From All That Dwell Below the Skies***

*Words: Isaac Watts (v 1-2),  
Robert Spence (v 3), and  
Thomas Ken (v 4)  
Music: Alex Mejias  
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***Isaiah 35:4-6***

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

*Please read together.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

**By Thy Mercy**

*Words: James Cummins  
Music: Greg Thompson  
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# 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

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## Song of Renewal

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
bend from heaven Thy gracious ear.  
While our waiting souls adore Thee,  
friend of helpless sinners, hear.  
  
From the depth of nature's blindness,  
from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
from the pride that lurks within.

By Thy mercy, O deliver us,  
good Lord, good Lord.  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us,  
good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,  
in the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses,  
in each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,  
in the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
in the day of health and peace.

*chorus*

In the weary hours of sickness,  
in the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness,  
when all human help is vain,

In the solemn hour of dying,  
in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on Thee relying,  
find Thee still our rock and stay.

*chorus*

# We respond to the grace received

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

*The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.*

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

### Prayers of the People

The world: Kevin and Katie Shaffer, church plant in London

The Northside: Young Men's Academy, Thursday night meeting with middle school boys

Our church: Northside Engagement Teams establishing

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Behold me here, in grief draw near,  
Pleading at Thy throne, oh King.  
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear,  
Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken,  
Longings of my heart to Thee.  
All the crying, all the sighing,  
Of Thy child, accepted be.

Look down in love, and from above,  
With Thy Spirit, satisfy.  
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,  
And Thy purchase, Lord, am I.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
wounded healer, suffering Lord.

*repeat*

### ***Let Me Find Thee***

*Words: Joachim Neander  
Music: Matthew S. Smith  
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*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

**Matthew 11:1-6**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given by  
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. 2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."*

**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 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

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we'd first begun.

*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.*

## Amazing Grace

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and John Rees (v.6)  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

### ***Victory In Jesus***

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Eugene Monroe Bartlett  
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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*

## **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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