

# northside church of RICHMOND

June 24th, 2012

## **Meditations**

Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God. We know not what prayer can do.

- C.H. Spurgeon

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.

#### **Just a Little Talk With Iesus**

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# 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 out 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

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.

# 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**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art! And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in — That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died, to take away my sin.

chorus

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

chorus

#### How Great Thou Art

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# **Scripture Reading**

Thus says the LORD:
"Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?
All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the LORD.
But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

Isaiah 66:1-2

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

Please read together.

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## **Confession of Sin**

Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before You.

Forgive us for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;

for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control;

for pining after beauty, comfort, status, and wealth other than what You have given us.

for hard-heartedness toward You and our neighbors;

for rebelling against Your Lordship, refusing Your care, and doubting Your love.

Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts.

Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure;

to labor for You and not for ourselves,

to be transformed into Your likeness, established in every good work and word,

to live wholly for Your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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**

God of My Life, To Thee I Call

**Romans 5:6,8** 

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Here's another way to phrase the last 2 lines of the chorus: When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you can be confident of your spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance. God of my life, to Thee I call, Afflicted at Thy feet I fall. When the great water floods prevail, Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot, Yet God, my God, forgets me not. And he is safe and must succeed, For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Friend of the friendless and the faint, Where should I lodge my deep complaint? Where but with Thee, whose open door, Invites the helpless and the poor! chorus

That were a grief I could not bear, Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer. But a prayer-hearing, -answering God, Supports me under every load.

chorus

chorus

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# 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**

Prayers of the People

The world: South Sudan and the short term mission trip by West End Presbyterian Church The Northside: Bethesda Housing Ministry, a prisoner reentry program in the Northside Our church: Inaugural membership class, starting July 11

# Offering

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

# **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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#### Come Holy Spirit, Come

Words: Joseph Hart Music: Hiram Ring © 1997 Pageant Music Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

#### Matthew 6:5-15

# **God feeds us with His Word**

## **Sermon Text**

5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread,
12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

People: Praise be to God!

#### Sermon

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Steve Byrd, ruling elder at West End Presbyterian Church

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

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.

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.

# **Song of Communion**

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him. Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins. Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll, Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

chorus

Jesus! I do now adore Him, more than all in Him I find. He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

chorus

# Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

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chorus

We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

#### It Is Finished

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expression of warm approval.

"Approbation" means an

Song of Rejoicing "It is finished!" - Sinners, hear it!

Tis the dying Victor's cry;

"It is finished!" – Angels bear it, Bear the joyful truth on high:

"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station, Bars the sinner's peace no more. Justice views with approbation What the Savior did and bore.

Grace and mercy

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"It is finished!" – All is over,

Yes, the cup of wrath is drained. Such the truth these words discover,

Thus the victory was obtained.

'Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.

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Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown Him,

Who His people's foes o'ercame! In the highest heaven enthrone Him, Men and angels sound His fame!

Great His glory! Jesus bears a matchless name. Great His glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.

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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), 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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