



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

...our sense of wholeness is not just the sense of completeness in ourselves but also is the sense of belonging to others and to our place; it is an unconscious awareness of community, of having in common.

- Wendell Berry, "Health is Membership" in *Another Turn of the Crank*

*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.

### **Gather Them In**

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Zephaniah 3:14-20,  
Zechariah 9:9

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**Psalm 33:1-4, 11-12,  
20-22**

*Please stand if able.*

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

## **Song of Gathering**

We wait for You to testify,  
To hold the kingdoms to account.  
Your righteous justice shall not fail,  
All those who trust in Your name.

You will gather them in,  
You will bring, bring them home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

You will gather them in,  
You will bring, bring them home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

Sing out, sing out, you daughters of Zion,  
And shout aloud, O Israel.  
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,  
He has removed your punishment.

He will gather us in,  
He will bring, bring us home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

He will gather us in,  
He will bring, bring us home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

*repeat*

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.  
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*

**People:** *Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.  
For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.*

Leader: *The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of his heart to all generations.  
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!*

**People:** *Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.*

Leader: *For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.*

**People:** *Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.*

## Song of Praise

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us, sing,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*repeat*

## *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,  
1623*

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## Scripture Reading

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, Colossians 1:15-20*  
*in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—*  
*all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold*  
*together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,*  
*that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*  
*and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by*  
*the blood of his cross.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

*Please read together.*

**Romans 5:10**

***In Christ Alone***

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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You told us to love You with our whole being, but we have not.

We have fled from You in unbelief.

We have treasured the gifts rather than the Giver.

We have complained about our circumstances rather than rejoice in Your presence.

You told us to love our neighbor, but we have not.

Instead of speaking well of them, we have gossiped.

Instead of reconciling with them, we have held on to bitterness.

Instead of loving them, we have only loved ourselves.

Forgive us our sins, renew us by Your Spirit, and increase our faith as we follow You. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,  
much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

## Song of Renewal

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

# 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: Travis and Amy Johnson, Travis diagnosed with cancer

The Northside: YoungLives, ministry to teenage moms in the Northside

Our church: Northside Groups, groups forming for September

## Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the mercy fund in 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.

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

## Song of Preparation

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity;  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest;  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood.

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside;  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give;  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled;  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might.

### ***Jesus, Cast a Look On Me***

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

**Genesis 1:26-28;  
2:15-18, 21-25**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Peter Rowan, Pastor of  
Reformed University  
Fellowship at VCU.*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

*27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.*

*28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

*15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

*18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

*21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,*

*"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

*24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

**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

'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*

*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.*

**'Tis So Sweet To Trust  
In Jesus**

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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

***O Love That Will Not  
Let Me Go***

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# God sends us out refreshed

## Song of Rejoicing

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

## 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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