



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

First, God. God is the subject of life. God is foundational for living. If we don't have a sense of the primacy of God, we will never get it right, get life right, get our lives right. Not God at the margins; not God as an option; not God on the weekends. God at center and circumference; God first and last; God, God, God.

- Eugene Peterson

*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*

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*Psalm 107:1-3, 7-9*

*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: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

**People:** *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,*

Leader: *from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.*

**People:** *He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.*

Leader: *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

**People:** *For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.*

## Song of Praise

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.  
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer!

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need,  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God,  
Though You rule heaven and earth as King, we act as if we are in charge.  
Though You comfort us as our Shepherd, we try to console ourselves with our sins.  
Though Your cross has made peace, we foolishly war against You and one another.  
Though You have brought new life to us, we often prefer the old.

Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to rest in You alone.  
Holy Spirit, renew us after the image of our Creator and Savior. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.*

## *Everlasting God*

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*Isaiah 40:28-31*

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

*Titus 3:4-5*

## **Search Me**

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*Psalm 139:23-24*

*Being reconciled with God  
through Christ enables us to  
seek peace with each other  
and participate in His work.*

*God designed worship to  
include the voluntary giving  
of offerings by His people.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Where there is fear, make me courageous,  
Where there is doubt, give me faith.  
Where there is pride, Lord make me humble.  
Where there is silence, give me praise.

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Jesus, Your love has made me righteous,  
For by your wounds I am healed.  
Jesus, Your death has paid the ransom,  
Your resurrection gives me life.

*chorus*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Announcement and Prayer: Northside Groups starting up

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

*The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

*Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

*There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.*

*Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are,  
We long to feel Thy touch.  
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly –  
O Savior hear our cry!

Our faith is feeble, we confess.  
We faintly trust Thy word;  
But will You pity us the less?  
Be that far from You, Lord!

*chorus*

Remember him who once applied,  
with trembling for relief;  
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried,  
“O help my unbelief!”

*chorus*

She, too, who touched you in the press,  
And healing virtue stole,  
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace;  
Thy faith has made thee whole.”

*chorus*

Like her, with hopes and fears we come,  
To touch You if we may;  
O send us not despairing home;  
Send none unhealed away!

*chorus*

**Psalm 19:1-4**

**Heal Us, Emmanuel**

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*Mark 5:24-34  
Mark 9:24*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*Genesis 1:1-25*

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

*3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

*6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.*

*9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.*

*11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.*

*14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.*

*20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.*

*24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

*Isaiah 40:8*

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

Today's sermon is given by  
Pastor Matt Lorish.

## Sermon

# Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.*

## 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.*

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

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.

*As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

## 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.

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*

*chorus*

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

*repeat*

*chorus*

## 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.*

### **Every Praise**

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# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song of Rejoicing**

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!  
Sing hallelujah to our God,  
Glory hallelujah is due our God.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!

*repeat*

God my Savior! God my Healer!  
God my Deliverer! Yes He is, yes He is!

*repeat*

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise...  
is to our God!

## **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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