



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

God guides us first through his Word, then through our heartfelt desires, then the wise counsel of others, and then our circumstances. At that point we must rely on our own sound judgment. ... God gave each of us a brain, and he expects us to put it to good use.

– Bruce K. Waltke, *Finding the Will of God*

*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.

Everlasting God

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Isaiah 40:28-31

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Psalm 100

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

**People: *Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!***

Leader: *Know that the Lord, he is God!*

**People: *It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.***

Leader: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

**People: *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.***

Song of Praise

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.
You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,
You are near to all who call
upon Your name.
Savior, Healer,
You are near to all who call
upon Your name.

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.
You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

chorus

Nothing is impossible for You.
Heaven and earth are at Your command.
Nothing is impossible for You.
You are the great I AM.

repeat

chorus

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

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

All Who Call

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Josh Davis
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*Psalm 145:18
Romans 10:12-13
Luke 1:37*

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

Romans 5:1

Healer

Words and music:

Mike Guglielmucci

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Song of Renewal

You hold my every moment,

You calm my raging seas.

You walk with me through fire,
and heal all my disease.

I trust in You; Lord, I trust in You.

I believe You're my healer,

I believe You are all I need.

I believe You're my portion,

I believe You're more than enough for me.

Jesus, You're all I need.

chorus

Nothing is impossible for You,
nothing is impossible.

Nothing is impossible for You,
You hold my world in Your hands.

repeat

chorus

verse

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and prayer: Church hospitality

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

Offering

Scripture Reading

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

*“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Therefore go out from their midst,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,*

*and touch no unclean thing;
then I will welcome you,*

*and I will be a father to you,
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty.”*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Rock of Ages

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Acts 6:1-7

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, 3 that I may make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, 4 but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac." 5 The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" 6 Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. 7 The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8 But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." 9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. 11 And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. 12 And he said, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. 14 Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master."

15 Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. 16 The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. 17 Then the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water to drink from your jar." 18 She said, "Drink, my lord." And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. 19 When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking." 20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels. 21 The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the Lord had prospered his journey or not.

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

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died

My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.

His pow'rful blood did once atone,

And now it pleads before the throne,

And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;

He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul, at freedom set -

My Surety paid the dreadful debt,

My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died...

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.

The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.

Not all that hell or sin can say

Shall turn His heart, His love, away

Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death

and pow'rs of hell unknown,

Put their most dreadful forms

of rage and mischief on,

I shall be safe, for Christ displays

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace;

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

chorus

Jesus My Great High Priest

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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

*"dear Surety" refers to Jesus. Hebrews 7:22 says "Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV)*

The sacrifice of Jesus is the solid foundation for a reconciled relationship with God.

We go out with renewed
faith to love our God and
our neighbors.

Victory In Jesus

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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 (x2)

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church
of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in October 2011.

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Every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of
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