



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Tertullian said, "Just as Christ was crucified between two thieves, so this doctrine of justification is ever crucified between two opposite errors." Tertullian meant that there were two basic false ways of thinking, each of which "steals" the power and the distinctiveness of the gospel from us by pulling us "off the gospel line" to one side or the other. . . . These "thieves" can be called moralism or legalism on the one hand, and hedonism or relativism on the other hand. . . . On the one hand, "moralism/religion" stresses truth without grace, for it says that we must obey the truth in order to be saved. On the other hand, "relativists/irreligion" stresses grace without truth, for they say that we are all accepted by God (if there is a God) and we have to decide what is true for us.

– Tim Keller, "The Centrality of the Gospel"

*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, and we ask Him to turn our hearts and minds toward Him.

**Every Ditch,
Every Valley**

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Isaiah 40:3-8

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Psalm 113:1-5

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,
And their time of glory soon shall pass.
But the word of God, it will never die.
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,
Every hill and mountain be made low,
Every rugged place will be made flat,
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,
raise your voice and shout,
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

chorus (x2)

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

**People: *Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!***

Leader: *Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!*

**People: *From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!***

Leader: *The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!*

**People: *Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high?***

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

*Words: Francis of Assisi,
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,
1623*

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Scripture Reading

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 14:19-23

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:5

Faithful

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Music: Alex Mejias,
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, though You guide and protect us as our Shepherd, we flee from You.
Though You rule heaven and earth as King, we give our all to our tiny kingdom.
Though You comfort us as our Shepherd, we console ourselves with our sins.
Though Your cross has made peace, we foolishly war against You and one another.
Though You declare "New creation!" we just prefer the old.

Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.
Lord Jesus Christ, deliver us from our sins.
Holy Spirit, renew us after the image of our Creator. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

Song of Renewal

You are always faithful,
You are always true.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love is ever new.

You are always faithful,
You will always be.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love covers me,
Your love covers me.

When the waters are high,
When my faith runs dry,
In the shadows of night,
Your love is my light.

You are always faithful,
You will always be.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love covers me,
Your love covers me.

chorus

You are always faithful,
You are always true.
Even when I'm faithless,
Your love is ever new,
Your love is ever new.

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Hunter and Adrienne Thompson, Northsiders who moved to Rwanda

The Northside: City Young Life, going to camp next week

Our church: Titi Sampson, starting her month of service at a Young Life Camp

Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using 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

Wisdom cries out in the street,
In the square she raises her voice.
At the center of town you can hear her speak,
Over all the other noise. She says:

“How long O simple ones?
How long will you ignore?
Wake up you walking dead,
Open your ears to the Lord!”

My child do not forget,
The path I show to you.
All other ways only lead to death,
Ways so easy to choose.

Trust in the Lord only,
With all your heart and mind.
Then you shall not stumble,
All that you seek you shall find.

“How long O simple ones?
How long will you ignore?
Wake up you walking dead,
Open your ears to the Lord!”

Wisdom cries out in the street,
In the square she raises her voice.

How Long?

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Proverbs 1-3

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

God feeds us with His Word

Titus 1:1-10

Sermon Text

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. 9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.

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

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

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, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God.
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,
And I, His grace, record.

As through the wilderness, I roam,
His mercies, I'll proclaim.
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is

*Words: William Gadsby
Music: Sandra McCracken
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Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,
And there, it dwells for me.
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,
With treasures rich and free.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
For, He for me was slain.
And me, with all the heavenly throng,
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet,
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In whom I stand complete.

chorus

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God.
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,
And I, His grace, record.

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

God sends us out refreshed

It Is Finished

*Words: Thomas Kelly
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
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Music*

*"Approbation" is an
expression of warm
approval.*

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 now display their boundless store.

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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.

repeat

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

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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