



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Come and take Him, O anxious one, and the more fully you can take Him, the more will Jesus be pleased! Why flows the river but to make glad your fields? Why sparkles the fountain but to quench your thirst? Why shines the sun but for your eyes to be blessed with his light? As you breathe the air around you, because you feel it must have been made for you to breathe, so receive the full, free salvation of Jesus Christ, because it is provided and you are in need of it! No mandate of heaven exists to shut you out, but every sacred doctrine is an argument why you should come and welcome, and take Jesus freely! The crowds all ate. None were so obstinate as to decline the free food. Did they receive the bread which perishes? I charge you, then, accept gladly the bread which endures to life eternal!

- Charles Spurgeon

*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.*

### **Just a Closer Walk**

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**Psalm 66:1-2, 5, 8-9,  
16-17, 20**

*Please stand if able.*

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## **Song of Gathering**

I am weak but Thou art strong;

Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long

As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,

Grant it, Jesus, this my plea,

Daily walking close to Thee,

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*chorus*

When my feeble life is o'er,

Time for me will be no more;

Guide me gently, safely o'er,

to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore!

*chorus (x2)*

Through this world of toil and snares,

If I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: *Shout for joy to God, all the earth;*

*sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!*

**People: *Come and see what God has done:***

***he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.***

Leader: *Bless our God, O peoples;*

*let the sound of his praise be heard,*

*who has kept our soul among the living*

*and has not let our feet slip.*

**People: *Come and hear, all you who fear God,***

***and I will tell what he has done for my soul.***

Leader: *I cried to him with my mouth,*

*and high praise was on my tongue.*

**People: *Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer***

***or removed his steadfast love from me!***

## Song of Praise

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine,  
out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger.  
God, You are higher than any other!  
Our God is healer, awesome in power -  
Our God, our God!

And if our God is for us,  
then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us,  
then what could stand against?

## 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

*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.*

## Our God

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*Romans 8:31  
Psalm 135:5*

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

*Isaiah 53:5*

## ***Blessed Assurance***

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*Psalms 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**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*chorus*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*chorus*

## **Passing of the Peace**

### **Community Life**

Prayers of the People

The world: Laquanda Ruffin, raising support to go to South Africa

The Northside: Students, educators, and schools in the Northside

Our church: Endurance, comfort, and unity during suffering

### **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.

## Scripture Reading

*The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.  
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
    so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
    so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.  
As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.  
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
    and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.  
The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

Behold me here, in grief draw near,  
Pleading at Thy throne, oh King.  
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear,  
Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above,  
With Thy Spirit, satisfy.  
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,  
And Thy purchase, Lord, am I.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken,  
Longings of my heart to Thee.  
All the crying, all the sighing,  
Of Thy child, accepted be.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
wounded healer, suffering Lord.

*repeat*

*Psalm 103:6-19*

*Let Me Find Thee*

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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

**Mark 6:30-44**

*30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.*

**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  
Harrison Ford, campus  
minister of Reformed  
University Fellowship at  
VCU.*

## 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.*

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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

## 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 is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.  
There is love pouring out  
of the wounds that were made,  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body,  
raised that third day.  
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

There is hope pouring out  
of the tomb where He lay,  
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

*chorus*

There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins...

*chorus*

### **God Who Saves**

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

### **How Great Thou Art**

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# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song of Rejoicing**

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 (x2)*

## **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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