



northside church

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Meditations

Seeking security in this world and its possessions is a recipe for producing anxieties, rather than relieving them! The more we gather possessions in order to feel secure, the more we feel we need them in order to be secure and then the more we need to guard them to maintain our security.

- Sinclair Ferguson

*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.

Greater Is He Who Is In Us

Words, music: Kirk Ward
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1 John 4:4

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Revelation 5:11-13

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Greater is He who is in us,
Greater is He who is in us,
Greater is He who is in us
Than he who is in the world.
repeat

I will fight, fight, fight for the Kingdom.
I will praise, praise, praise the Holy One.
I will never run from the struggle.
For His work on the cross is already done.

chorus

I will fight fight fight... for the Kingdom.
I will praise praise praise... the Holy One.
I will never run... from the struggle.
For His work on the cross is already done.
repeat

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels,
numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
saying with a loud voice,*

**People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader: *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea,
and all that is in them, saying,*

**People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

chorus

Arise, My Soul, Arise

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Kevin Twit
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*"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is derived from Hebrews 7:22: "by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV) It means that Jesus' work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.*

Scripture Reading

*"I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Daniel 7:13-14

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

Please read together.

1 John 4:10

In Christ Alone

*Words and music:
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,
possessions diminish our love for You,
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*This is love: not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

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: Anthony and Lukeythia Bastardi, preparing to be with the Shaffers in London

The Northside: Last Sunday Supper, outreach and meal on last Sunday of the month

Our church: Urban Fellows Program, starts July 1

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Come Holy Spirit, come
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.

Convince us of our sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,
Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know, and praise, and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breast the flame
Of never-dying love.

Then we shall know, and praise, and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

Come Holy Spirit, Come

*Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Hiram Ring
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 8:18-34

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. 19 And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." 20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 21 Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 22 And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

28 And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. 29 And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" 30 Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. 31 And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." 32 And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. 33 The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. 34 And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

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

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Be Thou My Vision

*Words: Dallan Forgaill, 8th century; translated from ancient Irish to English by Mary E. Byrne
Music: Slane, of Irish folk origin
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

The Doxology

*Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Louis Bourgeois
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Songs of Rejoicing

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

But For You Who Fear My Name

*Words and music: Leonard
E. Smith Jr.
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Jerusalem Music*

But for you who fear My Name,
The Son of righteousness will rise
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,
And skip about like calves
Coming from their stalls at last.

You shall be My very own,
On the day that I
Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man
Has compassion on his son
Who does the best he can.

Malachi 4:2; 3:17

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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