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Meditation

The key to Christian living is a thirst and hunger for God. And one of the main reasons people do not understand or experience the sovereignty of grace and the way it works through the awakening of sovereign joy is that their hunger and thirst for God is too small.

- John Piper

Persons need not and ought not to set any bounds to their spiritual and gracious appetites, [instead they ought] to be endeavoring by all possible ways to inflame their desires and to obtain more spiritual pleasures. . . Our hungerings and thirstings after God and Jesus Christ and after holiness can't be too great for the value of these things, for they are things of infinite value.

- Jonathan Edwards

*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.

Come Holy Spirit, Come

Words: Joseph Hart

Music: Hiram Ring

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God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

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

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

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

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

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

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The Father, Son, and Thee.

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26

Please stand if able.

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: *Give thanks to the God of gods,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord of lords,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: *It is he who remembered us in our low estate,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: *and rescued us from our foes,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: *he who gives food to all flesh,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: *Give thanks to the God of heaven,*

People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

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

God and Father, You have called us to be Your followers and have made us one family.
Yet we have not lived as one, and have not loved You with our whole person.

Ambition has driven us, and we have chosen not to care for others when it is inconvenient.

Pride has gripped us, and we have promoted ourselves rather than worship You.

Fear has reigned in us, and we have tried to control You and manipulate others.

O Lord, forgive us for our many sins through the sacrifice of Christ.

Subdue everything in us that is contrary to Your purposes.

By Your Spirit, make us a community that is eager to do Your will and to walk in Your ways.

All for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

All Who Call

Words and music:

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

Zephaniah 3:15

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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Stuart Townend
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Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turned His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one,
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

repeat

*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

Prayers of the People

The world: Yvonne Bostwick, raising support to go to South Africa

The Northside: Northside Jobs for Life

Our church: Strong internal giving

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

Offering

Scripture Reading

“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

“The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it –
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my **Ebenezer**,
hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor,
daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace, now, like a **fetter**,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it –
seal it for Thy courts above.

repeat

Deuteronomy 28:1-9

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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“Ebenezer” means “stone of help.” It was the name of a monument to God’s faithfulness erected by Samuel, a judge of ancient Israel. See 1 Samuel 7:12.

A “fetter” is a chain or shackle placed on the feet.

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, 2 "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. 3 And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." 4 And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" 5 And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." 6 And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. 7 And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. 8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

Mark 8:1-10

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

People: Praise be to God!

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by Assistant Pastor Joel
Passmore.*

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

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.

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 upon His head.

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

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

God Who Saves

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

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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Deuteronomy 33:27

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

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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