



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"Everybody has weak spots in their character, fault lines in their personality where the right earthquake at the wrong time can lead to personal catastrophe. Most of us are fortunate that our worst experience doesn't hit us with its biggest jolt in exactly the area where our flaws or poor judgment or vanity is most dangerously in play."

- Thomas Boswell, "Penn State Coach Joe Paterno reaches a sad conclusion"
The Washington Post, 11/9/11

Readings to help you engage with God and worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."

When you hear the first song begin, please come take a seat and continue preparing for worship by praying, reading the meditation quotes above, or singing along.

How Sweet the Name

Words: John Newton
Music: Alexander Reinagle
Arrangement: Bill Moore
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A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.

Psalm 100

Please stand if able.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber
Music: John B. Dykes
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Song of Gathering

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast.
Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never-failing Treasury filled with
Boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, My End,
Accept the praise I bring.

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and 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!*

People: *Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

Leader: *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,*

People: *and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Song of Praise

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man,
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
All thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Scripture Reading

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation,
who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 53:7-9

We confess our sin and receive grace

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

Confession of Sin

Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before You.

Forgive us the sins of our tongues: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;
for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Forgive us for the sins of our eyes: For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after
beauty, comfort, status, and wealth other than what You have given us.

Forgive us the sins of our hearts: For hard-heartedness toward You and our neighbors; for pride,
self-absorption, self-pity; and above all for rebelling against Your Lordship - refusing Your care,
forsaking Your hope, doubting Your love.

Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts. Give us grace to be holy, kind,
gentle, pure, to labor for You and not for ourselves, to be transformed into Your likeness,
established in every good work and word, to live wholly for Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Please read together.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might
live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an
atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

1 John 4:9-10

God of My Life, To Thee I Call

*Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Pocta
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Here's another way to phrase the last 2 lines of the chorus: When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you can be confident of your spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance.

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

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

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

Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

When the great water floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door,
Invites the helpless and the poor!

chorus

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,
Supports me under every load.

chorus

chorus

We respond to the grace received

Community Life

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The world: Christ School - Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Northside Outreach Center, a ministry in Highland Park

Our church: To be a church marked by peace

Offering

Song of Preparation

Jesus, everlasting King,
accept the tribute which we bring,
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown.

chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

chorus

O that the months would roll away,
And bring the coronation day.
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,
With all His Father's glories on.

chorus

O send Your Spirit to impart,
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above,
We first received Your pledge of love.

chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

Jesus Everlasting King

Words: Isaac Watts
(alt. by Matthew Smith)
Music: Matthew Smith
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God feeds us with His Word

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

Sermon Text

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

Luke 24:13-35

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25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

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

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations.
You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.
Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.
If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children.
There is a person at the back of the fellowship hall ready to pray with and for you, if desired.

Song of Communion

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be present and prayed for during communion meal should pick them up at this time.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

Communion at Northside is a patient, relaxed time. As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Amazing Grace

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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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Song 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: Leonard E. Smith
Jr., adapted from Malachi
4:2; 3:17
Music: Leonard E. Smith Jr.
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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.

*At the end of the service,
please pick up your children
from the nursery.*

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

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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