



northside church

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Meditation

The person who understands the gospel understands that, as a new creation, his spiritual nature is in opposition to sin now, and he seeks not just to weaken sin in his life but to outright destroy it. Out of love for Jesus, he wants sin starved to death, and he will hunt and pursue the death of every sin. . . This is a very different pursuit than simply wanting to be good. It is the result of having transferred one's affections to Jesus. When God's love takes hold of us, it powerfully pushes out our own love for other gods and frees our love to flow back to him in true worship. And when we love God, we obey him.

~ Matt Chandler

*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.

Everlasting God

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Isaiah 40:28-31

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Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer!

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!*

People: *Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*

Leader: *The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.*

People: *The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.*

Leader: *Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.*

People: *Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!*

Song of Praise

Before I knew what freedom was,
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.
He knew me in my mother's womb,
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.
I was defeated in my sins,
death had the victory.
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,
That day on Calvary.
Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I Knew

*Words and music: Kirk Ward
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Scripture Reading

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 11:23-28

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:6

Mighty To Save

*Words and music: Reuben
Morgan, Ben Fielding
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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews
2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we confess that we often wander from You:

We try to live by our own rules rather than obey Your word.

We try to find rest in sin instead of in Your presence.

All the while, we refuse to listen to Your Spirit.

Just as You promise, have mercy and restore those who confess their faults:

Refresh us through humility and submission to Your will.

Remind us that life and health are only found in You.

Give us grace and strength to follow where Your Spirit leads.

In the name of Jesus our Savior, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Song of Renewal

Everyone needs compassion,

love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,

the kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,

My God is mighty to save,

He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave,

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,

all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,

everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

chorus

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and Prayer - PD and Kelli Mayfield

Offering

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

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

Let Me Find Thee

*Words: Joachim Neander
Music: Matthew S. Smith
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Ephesians 5:8-14

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

*8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is
pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12
For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed
by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."*

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, 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.

Song of Communion

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more.

chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
and in His bosom rest?

chorus (x2)

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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

*Words: Samuel Stennet
Music: Christopher Miner
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Music*

In this song the Christian life is compared to when the Israelites looked forward to entering the promised land of Canaan on the other side of the Jordan River. They had endured many hardships while waiting for God to fulfill his promises of land and rest. Though we endure difficulties in this life, in Christ we look forward with hope to when God's promises will come to fruition.

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

God sends us out refreshed

How Great Thou Art

*Words and music:
Stuart K. Hine
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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), 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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