



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

You can't stop the birds from flying over your head,
but you can stop them from making a nest in your beard.

- Martin Luther

*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.

You Alone Are God

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O Come O Come Emmanuel

Composed of several anonymous antiphons written in the 12th century, set to VENI EMMANUEL, a 15th century processional, and arranged by Thomas Helmore in the 19th century

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Micah 5:2-5

The prophet Micah bring a word from God, saying that a mighty Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will shepherd God's people into lasting rest and peace.

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

Before all worlds began,
You are the great I AM.
Father, Spirit, and Son,
Eternal Three-In-One.
Fulfilled within Yourself,
in need of no one else,
Even though all things change,
You still remain the same.

You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass:
a universe so vast.
Most things no eye can see,
Yet still bring You glory.
Although all things are Yours,
You made Yourself so poor.
You left Your awesome throne,
To seek and save Your own.
Mighty is our God!

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

chorus

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace.

chorus (x2)

Call to Worship

Leader: *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

People: ***Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.***

Leader: *And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.*

People: ***And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.***

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

Almighty and merciful Father,
we come to you at Advent with the brokenness of the world in our eyes,
the cries of injustice, loneliness, and sadness in our ears,
and the failures and confusion of sin in our hearts.

O promised Christ: We are a world at war; our peace depends on Your coming.
We are an unfulfilled, longing people; our hope depends upon Your coming.
We are a sinful people; our pardon depends on Your coming.

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh, forgive our sins, comfort our hearts,
and lift our eyes to look for Your glorious return with hope and joy.
Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

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*

Matthew 1:20b-21

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Music: Rowland Pritchard
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Song of Renewal

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

*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

Ministry Update: Frank Matthews, Hispanic Leadership Development Coordinator for the James River Presbytery

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

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

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady
Music: Thomas Hastings
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 5:27-32

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

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

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

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

You hold my every moment,
You calm my raging seas.
You walk with me through fire,
and heal all my disease.
I trust in You; Lord, I trust in You.

chorus

Nothing is impossible for You,
nothing is impossible.
Nothing is impossible for You,
You hold my world in Your hands.

repeat

I believe You're my healer,
I believe You are all I need.
I believe You're my portion,
I believe You're more than enough for me.
Jesus, You're all I need.

chorus

verse

Healer

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

You Are Good

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Music

Psalm 100:5, 106:1

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

Lord You are good
and Your mercy endureth forever! *chorus*
Lord You are good
and Your mercy endureth forever!
People from every nation and tongue,
from generation to generation...
Yes, You are! Yes, You are! Yes, You are!
So good, so good! *repeat*

We worship You!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are!
We worship You!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are -
You are good! *repeat*

verse

You are good all the time;
all the time You are good!
verse
People from every nation and tongue,
from generation to generation...

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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