



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

"Integrity has no need of rules."

- Albert Camus

*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 145:1-4, 7, 10-13, 21**

*Please stand if able.*

## 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: *I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.*

**People: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.***

Leader: *One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

**People: *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!***

Leader: *They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

**People: *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.***

Leader: *My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.*

## Song of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

### *Jesus Shall Reign*

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Music: John Hatton  
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## Scripture Reading

*For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand—just as you did partially understand us—that on the day of our Lord Jesus you will boast of us as we will boast of you.*

*Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*

*But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**2 Corinthians 1:12-24**

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

*Please read together.*

**1 Peter 1:3**

**All Must Be Well**

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Peters alt by Matthew S.  
Smith*

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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all so easily:  
Pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny,  
consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses,  
and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.  
God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character.  
Let us not misinterpret Your patience with our sin as though it were permissiveness.  
Loving Father, astonish us with a godly fear which will not drive us to despair,  
but cause us to number our days and cling to the cross of Christ,  
Who is the Friend of sinners. In His name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us  
to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

## Song of Renewal

Through the love of God our Savior,  
all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor,  
all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,  
all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation,  
all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding,  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;  
all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
all is well.  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying,  
All must be well.

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Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying,  
All must be well.

# 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: World Harvest Team - Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Jobs For Life, a vocational development program

Our church: Unpacking the 2010 Census event, this Tuesday May 22

## 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.

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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### ***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.*

# God feeds us with His Word

**Matthew 5:27-32**

*33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."*

**Isaiah 40:8**

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

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

## Sermon

*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

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,  
And there, it dwells for me.  
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,  
With treasures rich and free.

Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet,  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness, I roam,  
His mercies, I'll proclaim.  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,  
For, He for me was slain.  
And me, with all the heavenly throng,  
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

*chorus*

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

*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.*

**Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is**

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Music: Sandra McCracken  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **The Doxology**

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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: Leonard E. Smith  
Jr., adapted from Malachi  
4:2; 3:17  
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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](http://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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