



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

You buy furniture. You tell yourself, this is the last sofa I will ever need in my life. Buy the sofa, then for a couple years you're satisfied that no matter what goes wrong, at least you've got your sofa issue handled. Then the right set of dishes. Then the perfect bed. The drapes. The rug. Then you're trapped in your lovely nest, and the things you used to own, now they own you.

- Chuck Palahniuk, *Fight Club*

*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.*

We gather in the presence of God

Gather Them In

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Zephaniah 3:20

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*God is present with us in
worship. Declaring this
together turns our hearts
and minds toward Him.*

Psalms 105:1-4

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

We wait for You to testify,
To hold the kingdoms to account.
Your righteous justice shall not fail,
All those who trust in Your name.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

Sing out, you daughters of Zion,
And shout aloud, O Israel.
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,
He has removed your punishment.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

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He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

repeat

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

People: ***Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!***

Leader: *Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

People: ***Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!***

Song of Praise

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Ashael Nettleton
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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.

Scripture Reading

*Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”
Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.
They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.
They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 115:2-8

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:5

*Jesus! What a Friend for
Sinners*

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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.
Keep us from treating Your patience as permissiveness.
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, the friend of sinners.
In His name, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

Song of Renewal

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

chorus

Jesus! I do now adore Him,
more than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

chorus

chorus

We respond to the grace received

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

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Hope International, a Christian microfinance organization

The Northside: Last Sunday Supper, an outreach and meal on the last Sunday of the month

Our church: Church-wide retreat, April 26-28

Offering

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

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

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

Philippians 3:17-19

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

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

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 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

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.

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.

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

There is hope pouring out
of the tomb where He lay,
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

chorus

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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...

chorus

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

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.

God Who Saves

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

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Ruther-
ford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
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Music.*

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.

Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.

There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.

Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.

I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

repeat

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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