



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

To be a Christian is to move toward need, not comfort.

- John Piper

*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.

**Down At the Cross
(Glory To His Name)**

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Music: John H. Stockton,
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Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name, glory to His Name!
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin
Jesus so sweetly abides within.
There at the cross where He took me in,
Glory to His Name!

chorus

O precious fountain that saves from sin
I am so glad I have entered in.
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name!

chorus

Come to the fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet.
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His Name!

chorus (x2)

Call to Worship

Leader: *It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.*

**People: *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.***

Leader: *The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.*

**People: *They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.***

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

O Lord our God, You know us better than we know ourselves,
and nothing is hidden from You.

Though we call You our Lord, we act as if we are still in charge.

Though we call You our Treasure, we hoard and idolize our possessions.

Though we call You our Savior, we pretend like we can handle our own problems.

Give us true repentance, and forgive us all our sins.
Restore us and transform us by Your Spirit to live as we ought:
Loving You wholeheartedly, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.
For our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Our God

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*Romans 8:31
Psalm 135:5*

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

Zephaniah 3:17

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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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.

Being reconciled with God through Christ enables us to seek peace with each other and participate in His work.

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

Song of Renewal

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Baptism: Easley Buono Miller and Harper Grace Miller

Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a basket marked “Mercy Fund” 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

But there will be no poor among you; for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess—if only you will strictly obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today. For the LORD your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy;
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry, Lord please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

chorus

God is able to do just what He said He would do.
He’s going to fulfill every promise to you.
Don’t give up on God,
cause He won’t give up on you -
He’s able!
He’s able!

Deuteronomy 15:4-11

Psalm 126 (All Those Who Are Weeping)

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He’s Able

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Ephesians 3:20

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

God feeds us with His Word

Acts 6:1-7

Sermon Text

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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 Rev. Chris Sicks, Pastor
of Mercy at Alexandria
Presbyterian Church in
Alexandria, VA.*

Sermon

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

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

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

chorus

He Knows My Name

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

Like No Other

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Philippians 2:9-11
Acts 4:12
Psalm 8:1
Psalm 124:8
Psalm 148:13

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

There is a name, a glorious name that I adore.
It's deserving of praise; marvelous things You will perform.
It brings calm to all my fears, and helps me to weather every storm.
You give strength that I need. No name is greater than Yours!

Women:

That name!
Jesus!
That name!
That name!

Men:

Something happens, when we call that name:
Every knee will bow, every tongue proclaim!
You have all power and Your power will remain.

Together: No other name!

It's a name that I call, no matter the day or the hour.
He'll protect when I fall; You show Your strength, You show Your power.
Heaven and earth, they will all pass away;
But it's Your name that won't waver Lord, it won't change.

chorus (x2)

It soothes like no other. It calms like no other.
It heals like no other. Reveals like no other.

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

Every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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