



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

It is always incumbent upon the people of God to remember that he is not only their shepherd, but that he is the Lord God. Yet the sheep were not the only ones who needed to hear the message. The undershepherds of Israel failed to remember that they themselves were the Lord's sheep, resulting in the scattering of the flock and their own condemnation.

- Timothy Witmer

*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.

Everlasting God

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Isaiah 40:28-31

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Psalm 28:6-9

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: *Blessed be the LORD!
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.*

People: *The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.*

Leader: *The LORD is the strength of his people;
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.*

People: *Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

Song of Praise

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, holy -
holy Lord most high!
Holy, holy, holy, holy -
holy Lord most high!

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man,
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
All thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

chorus

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

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

John 1:29

Search Me

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Psalm 139:23-24

Song of Renewal

Search me, and know my heart
Test me, and know my thoughts.
See into me: is there any sin?
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart
Test me, and know my thoughts.
See into me: is there any sin?
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Where there is fear, make me courageous,
Where there is doubt, give me faith.
Where there is pride, Lord make me humble.
Where there is silence, give me praise.

Search me, and know my heart
Test me, and know my thoughts.
See into me: is there any sin?
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Jesus, Your love has made me righteous,
For by your wounds I am healed.
Jesus, Your death has paid the ransom,
Your resurrection gives me life.

chorus

*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

New member vows: Katherine George

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

Offering

Scripture Reading

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Reader: 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!

repeat

He's able! He's able!
He's able! He's able!

Don't give up on God,
'cause He won't give up on you.

Oh, oh oh oh,
Oh oh oh - He's able!

repeat

John 10:11-16

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

Sermon Text

The word of the Lord came to me: 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; 6 they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

7 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: 8 As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: 10 Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

Today's sermon is given by
Rev. Bill Fullilove. Dr.
Fullilove is an assistant
pastor at McLean Presbyte-
rian Church and professor of
Old Testament at Reformed
Theological Seminary.

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

By His stripes we are healed,
by His nail-pierced hands we're free,
By His blood we're washed clean,
now we have the victory.

The power of sin is broken,
Jesus overcame it all.
He has won our freedom,
Jesus has won it all.

Hallelujah! You have won the victory.
Hallelujah! You have won it all for me.
Death could not hold You down.
You are the risen King!
Seated in majesty, You are the risen King!

Our God is risen, He is alive!
He won the victory, He reigns on high!

The Anthem (You Have Won the Victory)

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

Blessed Be Your Name

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Job 1:21-22
Psalm 113:2-3
Daniel 2:20-23

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

chorus (x2)

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

repeat

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

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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