



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

With the coming of John, the last and greatest of the prophets, that forward-pointing role is complete.

- R.T. France

*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.*

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

***Thou Poor, Afflicted,
Tempted Soul***

Words: John Berridge
Music: Brian T. Murphy &
Ashley Spurling
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Matthew 11:28-30

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Thou poor, afflicted, tempted soul,
With fears, and doubts, and tempests tossed.
What if the billows rise and roll,
And dash thy ship, it is not lost.

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.
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But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

What ails those eyes bedewed with tears?
Those laboring sighs that heave thy breast?
Those oft repeated, broken prayers?
Dost thou not long for Jesus' rest?

And can the Lord pass heedless by,
And see a mourning sinner die?
And can the Lord pass heedless by,
And see a sad and mourning sinner die?

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.
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But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

People: *Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me,*

Leader: *for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.*

People: *For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light."*

Song of Praise

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,
weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requires
is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.
repeat

Come Ye Sinners

*Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Matthew Smith
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Scripture Reading

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **Hebrews 1:1-2**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Please read together.

Romans 8:1-2

Depth of Mercy

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint
Wells, Brian T. Murphy
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Music*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Generous God, You sent us the Spirit of courage, but we act out of fear.
You sent us the Spirit of truth, but we often trust lies instead.
You sent us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Now our hearts are suspicious, our minds are confused, and our faith is timid.

Hear our confession, and come near to us with mercy.
We hold out to You all our particular burdens of guilt and sin.
Help us rest in Your forgiveness, and rejoice in Your power to change sinners.
Teach us to love You with our whole being, and to walk in Your ways. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

Song of Renewal

Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear,
me, the chief of sinners, spare?
I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked Him to His face,
Would not hearken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I have spilt His precious blood,
trampled on the Son of God,
Filled with pangs unspeakable,
I, who yet am not in hell!
I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified,
And profaned His hallowed Name,
put Him to an open shame.

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood!
He disarms the wrath of God;
Now my Father's mercies move,
justice lingers into love.
There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Pity from Thine eye let fall,
by a look my soul recall;
Now the stone to flesh convert,
cast a look, and break my heart.
Now incline me to repent,
let me now my sins lament,
Now my foul revolt deplore,
weep, believe, and sin no more.

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

New Member Vows - Elsa Parsons, Sam Vaughn

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

We love our God,
He always hears us when we cry,
His peace is so complete,
His love is so divine.

Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We love our God,
we'll live and die to see His fame,
There's nothing greater than
the glory of His Name.

chorus

We love our God,
we long to see His Kingdom come,
And on that day then
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

chorus (x2)

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We Love Our God

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

Matthew 11:7-19

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by Assistant Pastor P.D.
Mayfield.*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of whom it is written, "

'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 " 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

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

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.

chorus

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

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

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

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Music: Rowland Pritchard
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

Days of Elijah

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*This song has plenty of rich
biblical imagery.*

*For Moses and Elijah in
connection with the day of
the Lord and Jesus see
Malachi 4:4-6, Matthew
11:13-14, and Matthew
17:1-13.*

*For Jesus coming with the
trumpet call see 1 Thessalo-
nians 4:16.*

*For the year of Jubilee, see
Leviticus 25:10-12.*

*For the dry bones coming
alive see Ezekiel 37:1-14.*

*For the harvest and fields
see Matthew 9:37-38 and
John 4:35-36.*

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call!
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.

chorus

There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
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

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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