

Welcome

We are an inclusive, inquiring and involved church seeking to be a part of God's loving transformation of the world by sharing hope, showing grace and serving our neighbors near and far.

Core Practices

INCLUSIVE

As an inclusive church, we are welcoming to all. We embrace God's beautiful diversity in all its forms: race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

INQUIRING

As an inquiring church, we love to ask questions. We respect the faith journey of all people and encourage exploration. We value studying the Bible, but not just the Bible. We dig deep and challenge ourselves with ideas new and old.

INVOLVED

We seek to be a part of God's great work in the world by serving others. We look for ways to address hunger and housing issues. But we are also passionate in caring for the environment, advocating for immigrants and refugees, and seeking justice for the marginalized.

New Member Welcome

As members of Northside Drive Baptist Church, we welcome you as you join us in this adventure of faith and faithful community. We offer you our love, our history, and our hope. We value your story of faith and invite you to serve with us as stewards of God's grace.

Connect

We want to hear from you! How can we pray for you and connect you with meaningful ministry opportunities? Scan the QR code and complete a connect card.



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The Pocket Pinnacle

Our weekly newsletter is called *The Pinnacle*. Sign up and read more at northsidedrive.org/the-pinnacle.



Children's Ministry Team Picnic for Families with Children | Today

If you are a family with children, we'd love to have you join us for a fun time of food and fellowship for the kids today after the worship service. If it's warm and sunny, we will meet in the Pavilion. Should we have inclement weather, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministry Team

Phoenix Flies at NDBC | Today

Phoenix Flies, the annual celebration of Atlanta's Historic Sites, returns to Northside Drive in a program showcasing our church's faceted glass windows today immediately after the worship service.

Northside Drive's "stained glass stories" will be presented by Jordan Clark, our resident art historian, who will explore how our windows share the story of divine initiative and human response. Lower level stained glass windows capture Northside Drive's particular story of serving the community. Please plan to attend.

Syd Janney

Let's Fill Easter Eggs!

Easter Sunday is only a few weeks away! It is time to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are able, please fill plastic eggs with yummy, nut-free candy or stickers, and bring them to the Narthex by Sunday, April 13. There are about 10 sacks of empty, recycled plastic eggs in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a sack, take home to fill, and return. Join us on April 20 for the Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15 PM.

Children's Ministry Team

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Children's Ministry Team Picnic for Families with Children Today
12:15 PM | Pavilion

Phoenix Flies Today | 12:15 PM | Sanctuary

Wednesday Bible Study March 26 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid

Hope is Here! A Lenten Study Series March 26 | 6:00 PM | Parlor

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal March 26 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

No Holy Happy Hour April 2

Missions Team Meeting April 6 | 12:15 PM | Room 204

Triple E: How An Old Friend Has Evolved For A New Day
April 8 | 11:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Urban Recipe Missions Opportunity April 11 | 9:00 AM | Urban Recipe

Celebration of Life Service for Nancy Davis April 12 | 10:00 AM
Sanctuary



Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God
Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double-cure, save from wrath and make me pure."

Augustus Toplady, *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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The Worship of God

** Please stand as you are able.*

*The congregation speaks the text in **bold** type.*

The Approach

“Be still and know that I am God.”

PRELUDE

Prelude in E-flat | J. Lemmens

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*HYMN OF PRAISE 659

A Charge to Keep I Have | BOYLSTON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ. Thanks be to God!

LENTEN RESPONSE

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days | ST. FLAVIAN
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
And thro' these days of penitence, and thro' your Passiontide,
forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

The Word

“Blessed are they that hear the word of the Lord.”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 55:1-9

Sadaf Erastus | Old Testament p. 685

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

Don Janney | New Testament p. 172

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 212

What Wondrous Love Is This | WONDROUS LOVE

*GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 13:1-9

Sadaf Erastus | New Testament p. 76

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | *The Rock was Christ* | Scott Hovey

The Response

“Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 227

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me | TOPLADY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

Please place offering in plate or text NDBCGIVE to “73256” followed by the amount.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Unto Thee, O Lord | F. Aulbach

Sanctuary Choir

Nicosia Garrison, Solo

*DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Scott Hovey

The Commission

“. . . and I will be with you always.”

*HYMN OF WITNESS 522

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | BRADBURY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary No. IV in B-flat Minor | M. Greene

Sadaf Erastus, Worship Leader

Don Janney, Lay Reader

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