

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.

Holy Happy Hour | May 7

Holy Happy Hour meets at Round Trip Brewing on the first Wednesday of each month from 5 to 7 PM. It is an opportunity to enjoy community, a cold beverage, and holy (or just regular) conversation.



Appreciation for Mary Lou Swann | May 18

Mary Lou Swann will be retiring from her role as Director of Children’s Choirs and Children’s Church School Coordinator on May 31, 2025. She began her service with us on September 1, 2014. While she is retiring from these roles, she plans to continue worshiping and participating in activities with us at Northside Drive.

Congregants are invited to an appreciation reception (light lunch) in the Pavilion in honor of Mary Lou after the worship service on May 18.

Mary Lou has shared her gifts with us, and we are grateful for her dedication to our congregation.

Please join us on May 18 to offer your thanks and appreciation to Mary Lou.

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

- Children’s Ministry Team Meeting** Today | 12:15 PM | Room 204
- Wednesday Bible Study** May 7 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid
- Holy Happy Hour** May 7 | 5:00 PM | Round Trip Brewing
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** May 7 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room
- Mother’s Day Service** May 11 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary
- Triple E Spring Picnic** May 13 | 11:00 AM | Home of Patti and Jordan Clark
- May Term Seminar: Contemplative Prayer** May 14 | 6:00 PM | Room 202
- Young Adult Monthly Movie Night** May 16 | 7:00 PM

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Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

“When celebrating [communion], we expand our vision of reality to gain a foretaste of the feast that is yet to come. The final future is not here yet, so we cannot perceive it with our senses. Yet the sacraments can bridge the realm of present sense with the anticipated future.”

Ted Smith, *Who is Jesus Christ for Us Today?*

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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

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

Christ is Risen | W. Zlobie Lezy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 562

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies | DIX

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus loves us and wants us to love one another.

We come here to praise God and to learn of God’s love for all people.

Jesus loved everybody, no matter who they were.

We find God’s love when we care for all people, not just those who look and think like us.

God loved the world so much that God sent Jesus to live, die, and be resurrected for the whole world.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we do not always love the way Jesus loves.

We ask for God’s help to love more fully and more deeply.

We pause for a moment of silent confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God knows us and loves us! We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*SHARING OUR JOY

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

*HYMN 254

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven | ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:

He who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

The Word

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ACTS 9:1-6

Sadaf Erastus | New Testament p. 127

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON: REVELATION 5:11-14

Don Janney | New Testament p. 248

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 555

More Love to Thee, O Christ | MORE LOVE TO THEE

*GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 21:1-19

Sadaf Erastus | New Testament p. 115

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | *Who is Jesus Christ for Us Today?* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 736

Rescue the Perishing | RESCUE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

*Please place offering in plate or text NDBC GIVE to “73256”
followed by the amount*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing | G. Young
Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION | SEE INSERT

We are invited to participate in Holy Communion by standing intinction. All communion elements are gluten free. After the choir has been served, please come forward using the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. You may return to your pew by the side aisles. Should you need bread and the cup brought to you, notify an usher and the celebrants will be glad to serve you in your pew.

The Commission

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

*HYMN OF WITNESS 239

I Know That My Redeemer Lives | DUKE STREET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sadaf Erastus, Worship Leader
Don Janney, Lay Reader

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