

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, including 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.

May Term Seminar | May 28 | 6:00 PM

Topic: Introduction to Howard Thurman

Read: Parker Palmer, “Listening for the Voice of Vocation” in *Anchored in the Current: Discovering Howard Thurman as Educator, Activist, Guide and Prophet*, ed. Gregory C. Ellison II

I will have hard copies of the chapter/article available on the Sunday prior to our discussion. I will also email the reading.

All sessions will take place in the Art and Soul room and online.

Scott Hovey

Summer Kick-Off Luncheon | June 1 | 12:30 PM

Join the Hospitality Ministry Team in the Pavilion after the Church in Conference on Sunday, June 1, for a Summer Kick-Off lunch. We will have hot dogs, chips, fruit and an ice cream sundae bar. Cost is \$5.00pp with a \$20 family maximum. We will also have a waterslide for the young and the young at heart. Reservations can be made by calling Lydia at the church office at 404-237-8621 or emailing lydia@northsidedrive.org. Please reserve by May 29 so we can have enough for all! See you there.

Hospitality Ministry Team

Mission Opportunities

Northside Drive mission volunteers will travel to Taliaferro County, Georgia, and Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, this summer. Help us collect supplies for back-to-school bags for Touching Taliaferro With Love and beach towels for the Arkansas Together for Hope swim camp.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support!

School Supplies are needed by June 8.

- #2 pencils
- Box of 12 colored pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Box of 24 crayons
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Glue Sticks

Beach towels are needed by July 13.

- Child or youth size beach towels

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day May 26 | All Day | NDBC Office

May Term Seminar: Introduction to Howard Thurman May 28 | 6:00 PM
Room 202/Hybrid

Church in Conference June 1 | 12:15 PM | Sanctuary

Summer Kick-Off Luncheon June 1 | 12:30 PM | Pavilion

Holy Happy Hour June 4 | 5:00 PM | Round Trip Brewing



Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

“Once upon a time, I knew who I was. Then I learned who I was not.

Once upon a time, God was certainty and right answers.

Then God became the questions.

Once upon a time, I believed God would heal me. Then God did.

Once upon a time, I believed God would heal me. And then God didn’t.

Once upon a time, God. And then God.”

-Sarah Bessey, *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things*

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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
Grand Processional | D. Wood

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Come, children of God, let us sing praise to the living God.
God raised Jesus from the dead and Christ ascended to sit at God’s right hand.
When the world seems like it is spinning out of control, we rest in the comfort of God’s care.
We bring our worries and cares to God, who gives us peace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 669**
God of Grace and God of Glory | CWM RHONDDA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Sometimes we forget that God is always with us, and so we forget to listen for God’s voice and to do God’s will.
Sometimes we try to do things in our own way rather than God’s way, and that is our confession. We pause for a moment of silent confession...

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**
Sisters and brothers, hear this good news: God has forgiven you!
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 16:9-15
Melissa Lester | New Testament p. 136

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: REVELATION 21:10, 22-27; 22:1-5
Thelma Heflin | New Testament p. 259

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 290**
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart | MORECAMBE

***GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 5:1-9**
Melissa Lester | New Testament p. 96

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON | *Wellness* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 461**
Jesus, Lover of My Soul | ABERYSTWYTH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

LITANY OF PARTING FOR LARRY AND SUE MCSWAIN
Larry and Sue, we rejoice that you have been part of our fellowship, and we want to wish you farewell and seek God’s blessing as you move on.

We have together sought to follow Christ and to be his church in the place.

Now you are called elsewhere. We will miss your friendship but rejoice that God will bless others through you as we have been blessed.

You have touched our lives, and we have grown. We are grateful for having shared this pilgrimage together.

Larry and Sue, go with God. Continue to grow in God’s grace. Pray for us as we will pray for you.

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.**

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

MUSICAL OFFERING
His Eye is on the Sparrow
C. Gabriel, Music
C. Martin, Words
Nicosia Garrison, Alto

***DOXOLOGY 808** | OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** | Scott Hovey

The Commission

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

***HYMN OF WITNESS 745**
Jesus Shall Reign | DUKE STREET

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
Postlude on HANOVER | C. Callahan

Melissa Lester, Worship Leader
Thelma Heflin, Lay Reader

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