

# 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](http://northsidedrive.org/the-pinnacle).



## New Church Year Begins!

It may still feel like summertime but fall begins in August around here. Our kids are heading back to school and the new church year begins on August 1. Our committees and teams begin their work for another year of ministry.

As we enter this new year of church ministry we are greeted by the sound of construction. The work to transition the Chapel to multi-use space began several weeks ago. The pews are gone, and the hardwood floor is in place. We’ve still got a little way to go. But the sound of construction is the sound of hope, the sound of new things coming into fruition. The prophet Isaiah spoke to the people of Israel during a particularly difficult time: “God is doing a new thing. Do you perceive it? Listen. Can you hear it?”

Last spring I shared some thoughts about the future of our church- the “church of tomorrow.” It is worth revisiting those thoughts as we begin a new church year. Our work this year will center around four critical poles: worship, communication, events and justice. This year we will look to move each of these forward just a bit more.

**Scott Hovey**

## Upcoming Events | [northsidedrive.org/events](http://northsidedrive.org/events)

**Communications and Outreach Team Meeting** Today | 12:15 PM  
Conference Room

**Scott’s Office Hours** July 28 | 9:00-11:00 AM | NDBC Office

**Teach Me Something! Summer Adult Church School Series**  
Led by Jim Mahaffey | “The Future of Nuclear Power”  
August 3 | 9:30 AM | Room 202

**Holy Happy Hour** August 6 | 5:00 PM | RoundTrip Brewing



# Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God  
**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 27, 2025 | 11:00 AM**

## The Preparation for Worship

“Here in the beginning, a relationship is budding between God and humanity. God is supreme and self-existent yet personal, present, touching, connecting with, and molding humanity out of the dust. God is personally invested. And God doesn’t zap humanity to life. No, God kisses us. The breath of God makes human life possible.”

**- Lisa Sharon Harper, *The Very Good Gospel***

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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**  
*My Lord! What a Morning* | Afro-American Spiritual

### CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

**GATHERING** | Scott Hovey

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
We gather this morning to worship and praise God.  
**God is the One who calls, loves, and redeems us.**  
At the outset of Creation, God decided to be for us.  
**What joy it is to know that we are children of the living God. We rejoice at God’s love for us.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 40**  
*Let the Whole Creation Cry* | LLANFAIR

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
May we live each day in the comfort of God’s embrace.  
**Yes, Lord, let it be so now. And for those times we fail to love and live smaller lives than God intended, we ask for God’s forgiveness. We pause for a moment of silent confession...**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**  
Sisters and brothers, hear this good news: God has forgiven us!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 805 | GREATOREX**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## The Word

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

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: GENESIS 2:4-25**  
Virginia Gilbert | Old Testament p. 2

**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 JOHN 4:7-16**  
New Testament p. 241

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 27**  
*O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright* | PUER NOBIS

**\*GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 5:38-48**  
Virginia Gilbert | New Testament p. 5

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | *Harmony* | Scott Hovey

## The Response

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

**DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 17**  
*Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him* | AUSTRIAN HYMN

**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**  
*The Church in the Wildwood* | William S. Pitts  
*He’s the Lily of the Valley* | Arr. Otis Deaton  
The Gospel Boys  
Hal Meeks, Director  
Singers: Hal Meeks, Jonathan Schroeder, Dave Wooten, J. B. Gilbert, Don Janney

**\*DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH**  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** | Scott Hovey

## The Commission

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

**\*HYMN OF WITNESS 392**  
*When Love is Found* | O WALY WALY

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**  
*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* | Paul Liljestrاند

Virginia Gilbert, Worship Leader

Today’s flowers are given by Joel Stouffer in memory of John Stouffer, born July 26 and Barbara Stouffer, born July 29.

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