

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.



Ministry Staff

- REV. SCOTT HOVEY**, Pastor
scott@northsidedrive.org
- LYDIA MCCOY**, Office Manager
lydia@northsidedrive.org
- MELINDA CLARK**, Organist
melinda@northsidedrive.org
- REV. LEN WILLINGHAM**, Interim Music Director
music@northsidedrive.org

The Pocket Pinnacle

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



Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion: *Refuge* | September 28 4:00-6:00 PM

Ahavath Achim Synagogue’s Response to Antisemitism and Hate Committee cordially invites you to join us for a special screening of the powerful documentary *Refuge*, followed by a thought-provoking panel discussion on Sunday, September 28. This event will feature the film’s producer, Erin Bernhardt, and Chris Buckley, a former white nationalist featured in the film.

Registration details can be found at aasynagogue.org

Kind30

Don’t you think we could all use a little more kindness? There is a local movement working to spread kindness. The movement is called **Kind30**, and it is based on a very simple idea: *to show intentional kindness each day through the month of October*.

This movement began here in Buckhead last year and already many churches, schools, and businesses are eager to engage again. No need to register. No cost involved. Only encouragement to do an act of kindness each day.

Kind30 has built this program around the month of October because October 10 is World Mental Health Day. Kind30 believes that kindness plays a part in our mental health. The more we offer kindness, the more kindness becomes part of our world.

I encourage you to visit www.kind30.org. As October gets closer, we will provide suggestions, opportunities, and information.

Let’s spend October exploring and enacting kindness!

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

- Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting** Today | 12:15 PM | Room 202
- Scott’s Office Hours** September 15 | 9:00-11:00 AM | NDBC Office
- Wednesday Bible Study** September 17 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid
- Wednesday Discussion: *Theological Discussion*** September 17 | 6:00 PM Room 202/Hybrid
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** September 17 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room
- NDBC 73rd Anniversary** September 21 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary
- Deacons’ Meeting** September 21 | 12:15 PM | Room 202
- Children & Youth Pool Party** September 28 | 1:00-3:00 PM Home of Patti and Jordan Clark
- Screening of *Refuge* and Panel Discussion** September 28 | 4:00-6:00 PM Sponsored by Ahavath Achim Synagogue | Register at aasynagogue.org



Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 2025 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

“Lord, they call me lost, and if I am, I want you to find me the way you found the world: nicked at the edges, dusty and rusty, called unwanted and unworthy, and still your hands reached out to cradle every worthless coin like each was a pearl of great price.”

- Rev. Emily Kegler

3100 Northside Drive | Atlanta, GA 30305
northsidedrive.org | @ndbcatlanta

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
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart | Douglas E Wagner
Prelude | William H. Harris

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT
Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him | AUSTRIAN HYMN

***HYMN OF PRAISE 62**
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | ST. DENIO

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Today we stand as benefactors with a long lineage of those whom God called and ordained to service.
Like Abraham and Sarah, we are to work toward an unknown, but faith-filled, future.
God has called us.
Like Moses and Miriam, we are to be leaders, helping people live in freedom.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God has called us.
Like Ruth and Jeremiah, we are to risk ourselves for the sake of hope. However, we confess that our faith often is anemic and bland; and our response to God’s call is avoidance. We ask God to forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Sisters and brothers, Let us live lives as large as the love of God as we listen for the calling of the Holy Spirit. We are forgiven!
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: JEREMIAH 4:11-12,22-28
Syd Janney | Old Testament p. 702

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 TIMOTHY 1:12-17
Barbara Atchley | New Testament p. 208

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 45**
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | NETTLETON

***GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 15:1-10**
Syd Janney | New Testament p. 78

SERMON | *Rejoice with Me!* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 522**
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | BRADBURY

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
With a Voice of Singing | M. Shaw
Sanctuary Choir

***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 492**
I Will Sing of My Redeemer | HYFRYDOL

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
Rigadoon | G.F. Handel

Syd Janney, Worship Leader
Barbara Atchley, Lay Reader

Today’s flowers are given by Linda Clark Lester to the glory of God, in memory of her mother Linda T. Clark, whose birthday was September 4th, and in memory of her father Stephen Rutledge Clark, Sr., whose birthday was September 27th.

CCLI License #1893416

Northside Drive Baptist Church is affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

