

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.

Happy Anniversary

Happy anniversary to us! This Sunday we mark 73 years of Northside Drive Baptist Church. That is 73 years of Spirit-filled worship. That is 73 years of prophetic witness. That is 73 years of compassionate care. That is 73 years of service and missions.

We stand on a strong foundation of Gospel ministry as each generation adds their faithfulness. How will we continue to build upward and onward?

Wednesday Discussions

Our Wednesday discussions continue. The fourth Wednesday of the month (September 24) will be focused on prayer. We will meet at 6:00 PM in the Art and Soul classroom (Room 202) and online. We will have guided prayer exercises to learn different kinds of prayer as we pray for the concerns on our hearts and minds.

Our next book discussion will be on Wednesday, October 8. We will be discussing *You Are What You Love* by James K. A. Smith. This book looks at the ways that worship ‘forms’ us as people but also the ways other things ‘form’ us as well. It is available from Amazon and on Audible. We will discuss the first 3 chapters.

Blessing of the Animals | October 5

St. Francis of Assisi is one of my faith heroes. His life was beautifully portrayed in the 1972 Franco Zeffirelli film *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*. St. Francis had a special relationship with creation- the flowers of the fields, the birds of the air and the animals. Each year the feast of St. Francis falls at the beginning of October, and many churches recognize this occasion with a Blessing of the Animals service.

This year we will hold a Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 5, at 4:00 PM in our Pavilion. I encourage you to bring your dogs and cats- no slithering reptiles please!- for a service of blessing. Stuffed animals are welcome as are photos of our dearly departed pets. Please use crates and/or leashes.

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

NDBC 73rd Anniversary Today | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Deacons’ Meeting Today | 12:15 PM | Room 202

Scott’s Office Hours September 22 | 9:00-11:00 AM | NDBC Office

Wednesday Bible Study September 24 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid

Wednesday Discussion: Prayer September 24 | 6:00 PM Room 202/Hybrid

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal September 24 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

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
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
&
NDBC 73rd Anniversary

September 21, 2025 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

“The tactic of eternal investments involves learning to entrust our future to God, believing in an economics of providence. The tactic of economic friendship is similar, but it emphasizes this: God’s economy comes to us as a community of friendship.”

- **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove**, *God’s Economy*

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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 | Dale Wood

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT
When Morning Gilds the Skies | LAUDES DOMINI

***HYMN OF PRAISE 72**
To God Be the Glory | TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
We believe God calls us into Christian community with the challenge to discern and act upon the ongoing revelation of God in our time and place.
We live out this vision by being a church rooted deeply in liturgical traditions,
Where intergenerational friendships are valued,
All members can be known by name,
Open-mindedness is the basis of spiritual formation,
Resources are shared generously,
And where hands-on service is crucial to our own discipleship and the mission of Christ in the world.
We celebrate this vision through the intimacy of a loving congregation,
The strength of Baptist freedoms,
and the reach of an ecumenical and inclusive spirit.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We do not always live into the vision of the church we intend to be.
We confess our reluctance and ask for God’s forgiveness. We pause for a moment of silent confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
God meets us where we are. 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: JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1
Dan Oakley | Old Testament p. 709

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 2:1-7
Don Janney | New Testament p. 208

***HYMN OF PREPARATION (Inside front cover of hymnal)**
Come We Now | CANTICUM CELTICA
Merrill Davis and Bedford Davis

***GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 16:1-13**
Dan Oakley | New Testament p. 79

SERMON | *Kingdom Return on Investment* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 591**
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind | REST

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
Thanks Be to Thee | G.F. Handel
Sanctuary Choir

***DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God 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 649**
We Give Thee but Thine Own | SCHUMANN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
Now Thank We All Our God | Michael Burkhardt

Dan Oakley, Worship Leader
Don Janney, Lay Reader

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Jack and Joey Guynn in remembrance of Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish New Year — a time of reflection, renewal and hope for the year ahead. The holiday is a reminder to embrace joy and look forward to new beginnings. Joey was raised in the Jewish faith, but has always felt comfortable and fully accepted as an Associate Member of NDBC. Joey and Jack extend their warm wishes to all church members and staff on this special holiday with gratitude for their love and caring.

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