

# 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).



## Phoenix Flies | Today | 12:15 PM

Northside Drive, a proud participant in Phoenix Flies since 2018, is again showcasing its richly-colored faceted Willet Studio-designed windows, as presented by member and art historian Jordan Clark today after the worship service. Please join us.

**Syd Janney**

## Easter Lilies | Orders Due March 29

At Easter, the NDBC Flower Ministry Team provides an opportunity to remember or celebrate friends and family with an Easter lily donation. To donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please submit \$20, placed in a designated flower envelope in the Narthex, send a check to the church office (write Easter Lily on memo line), along with your dedication information, or contact Flower Team Chair Virginia Gilbert by email. The deadline for ordering is March 29. Please plan to take your lily home with you after the Easter service on April 5.

Thank you for your donation that will help adorn our Sanctuary for the Easter service.

Virginia Gilbert | [gilbertva3@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertva3@gmail.com)

(If you contact Virginia via email, she will send you a confirmation that she received your Easter lily information. If you do not receive a confirmation, please check with Virginia at 770-617-1809 to be sure that she received your email).

\*Please note that U.S. tax regulations do not allow NDBC to offer contribution credit for this purchase, because the plants are returned to the giver. Thank you for your donations.

## Easter Egg Hunt | Sunday, April 5 | 12:15 PM

Let's Fill Easter Eggs!

Easter Sunday is only a few weeks away! It is time to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt! If you are able, please fill plastic eggs with yummy, nut-free candy or stickers and bring them to the Narthex by Sunday, March 29. There are several sacks of empty, recycled plastic eggs in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a sack, take home to fill, and return.

Thanks,

**Children's Ministry Team**

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

**Deacons' Meeting** | Today | 12:15 PM | Room 202

**Phoenix Flies** | Today | 12:15 PM | Sanctuary

**Church Council** | March 16 | 7:00 PM | Room 202

**Wednesday Bible Study** | March 18 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid

**Wednesday Night Discussion** | March 18 | 6:00 PM | Room 202/Hybrid

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** | March 18 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

**Children's Ministry Team Meeting** | March 22 | 12:15PM | Room 204



# Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 | 11:00 AM

## The Preparation for Worship

"This is what faith really is: believing, not with the head or the lips or out of habit but believing with one's whole life. It means seeking community with the human Christ in every situation in life, and in every situation experiencing his own history."

-**Jürgen Moltmann**, *The Power of the Powerless*

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# The Worship of God

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*\* 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

*We Are Marching in the Light of the Lord* | SIYAHAMBA

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* | HOUSTON

### CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

### INTROIT

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* | R. Palmer and L. Mason

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 702

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* | ST. THOMAS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP | Dan Oakley

God does not see as mortals see.

We look on the outward appearance;

God looks on the heart.

**Jesus, Light of the World,**

**give us eyes to see as you see!**

Once we lived in darkness, but now,

as children of light, we are called

to what is good and right and true.

**Jesus, Light of the World,**

**give us eyes to see as you see!**

### GATHERING | Scott Hovey

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

**We are people who still love darkness rather than light.**

**We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.**

**We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.**

**We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,**

**but step back, protecting ourselves.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly.**

**Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved.**

**Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives.**

**Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,**

**and shine upon us with your grace.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,**

**the Light of the World. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The psalmist assures us

that God's goodness and mercy will follow us,

even pursue us,

all the days of our life.

As God's forgiven people,

receive this goodness and mercy,

and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

**We will live as children of the light**

**for Christ shines on us.**

### LENTEN RESPONSE (please remain seated)

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* | PASSION CHORALE

Hymn 221, verse 1

## The Word

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

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Dan Oakley | Old Testament p. 259

### 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: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Garrett Ray | New Testament p. 194

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 584

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* | ADELAIDE

### \*GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 9:1-41

Dan Oakley | New Testament p. 102

### SERMON | *(In)Sight* | Scott Hovey

## The Response

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

### DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 623

*Sweet Hour of Prayer* | SWEET HOUR

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

### OFFERING

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

*You can also give online by scanning the QR code below.*



### MUSICAL OFFERING

*I Bind My Heart* | R. Proulx

Nicosia Garrison, Flute

Douglas Hooker, Oboe

### \*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 477

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* | EBENEZER

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on “O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”* | EBENEZER

Dan Oakley, Worship Leader

Garrett Ray, Lay Reader

The Sanctuary flowers are given today by Syd and Don Janney in appreciation for the beautiful Willet Stained Glass Windows that surround and inspire us in worship.

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