

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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CONNECT

The Pocket Pinnacle

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



READ MORE

"I Have Seen the Lord!"

Eastertide is a season of seeing God, in this case the risen Christ, among us. The theological word is Christophany, literally 'seeing Christ.' I want to share a few Christophanies that I've experienced this Eastertide.

I saw Christ as I spent a few days with our oldest son, Marco, in his new home in Torrance, CA. It was so wonderful to be with him, see his favorite surf spots and hear about his love of the ocean (a spiritual place for him).

I saw Christ in Evanston, IL as I worshipped with the Alliance of Baptists. I loved being with like-minded Baptists- fellow travelers unafraid to speak truth to one another, bound together by a desire to see love and justice prevail.

I have seen Christ during my three years with my beloved Doctor of Ministry cohort. We are preparing to cross the finish line. My colleagues have shown me Christ in so many different ways. I have been challenged, encouraged and uplifted by some amazing pastors from across the country.

I have seen Christ in our church as we have worshipped together, studied Scripture together, and ministered together. I rejoice in the caring relationships, the deep wrestling with faith in challenging times and in the ways that we are engaged with the world around us.

My hope and prayer is that you, too, discover Christ in this Easter season. As Mary Magdalene shared, "I have seen the Lord." May we, too, be able to say that we have seen the Lord!

Scott Hovey

Celebrating Our Graduates

Northside Drive would love to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates in an upcoming edition of *The Pinnacle*. If someone in your family is graduating this spring, please send us their name, school, degree (if applicable), and a photo if you have one.

Submit your information to the church office by Tuesday, May 5, and help us celebrate this important milestone in the lives of our church family.

You can share your submissions by calling the church office at 404-237-8621 or emailing lydia@northsidedrive.org.

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Children's Ministry Team Meeting | Today | 12:15 PM | Room 204

No Wednesday Bible Study | April 29

No Wednesday Night Prayer | April 29

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | April 29 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

Missions Ministry Team Meeting | May 3 | 12:15 PM | Room 204

Holy Happy Hour | May 6 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | Round Trip Brewing



Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

"God of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me. I may ask nothing less that is fully to your worship, and if I do ask anything less, ever shall I be in want. Only in you I have all."

- **Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)**

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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

Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn:

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” | Gordon Young

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

Good Christians All, Rejoice | Alington/Volpius

*HYMN OF PRAISE 99

When Morning Gilds the Skies | LAUDES DOMINI

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Syd Janney

Let us worship God, our Guide.

God leads us apart from the fears and anxieties of the world.

Let us worship God, our Guardian.

God protects us in the shelter of peace and love.

Let us worship God, our Friend.

God calls us each by name.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us worship God, our Shepherd.

We confess that often we fail to hear God’s voice calling us. We have not followed as we should. We ask for God’s forgiveness. We pause for a moment of silent confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and Brothers, God welcomes all with inclusive love. God has grace aplenty. We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*SHARING OUR JOY

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

*EASTERTIDE RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven | ODE TO JOY
Hymn 254, stanza 1

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 2:42-47

Syd Janney | New Testament p. 120

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.

PSALTER LESSON: PSALM 23

John Langston | Old Testament p. 501

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 522

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | BRADBURY

*GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:1-10

Syd Janney | New Testament p. 103

SERMON | *Abundant Life* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION | SEE INSERT

They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love | Peter Scholtes

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

THE LITANY OF PARTING FOR BRETT AND CAROLINE PLAYER

Leader: Brett and Caroline, 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.

All: We have together sought to follow Christ and to be his church in this place.

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

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

Leader: Brett and Caroline, go with God. Continue to grow in God’s grace. Pray for us as we will pray for you.

All: 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 NDBC GIVE to “73256” followed by the amount.

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



MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision | Arr. Richard Shephard
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 558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God | Charles Callahan

Syd Janney, Worship Leader

John Langston, Lay Reader

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