

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.

NDBC 74th Anniversary Luncheon Today | 12:15 PM

NDBC is celebrating 74 years of service today after the worship service.

The Hospitality Ministry Team is hosting a BBQ luncheon in the Pavilion following church today. The menu includes BBQ pork and chicken, baked beans, fruit, slaw, chips, and cookies. Cost is \$8 per adult and \$4 per 4-12 year olds.

Hospitality Ministry Team

Triple E | September 22 | 11:00 AM

The Business Behind the Blocks: Childcare, the Teacher Shortage and How We Can Help

Join Lara Cornett, owner of Kiddos Early Learning Center, for a look at what it really takes to run a childcare center today—and the national teacher shortage quietly threatening families everywhere. She’ll share her vision for a new foundation offering emergency care assistance to the teachers and families who need it most, and how we can help.

RSVP to Barbara Atchley today at atchley2005@gmail.com or 404-310-9635.

Triple E Team

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

NDBC 74th Anniversary Luncheon | Today | 12:15 PM | Pavilion

Church Council | September 21 | 7:00 PM | Room 202

Triple E: The Business Behind the Blocks | September 22 | 11:00 AM Chapel

No Wednesday Bible Study | September 23

Memorial Service for Theron McLarty | September 23 | 11:00 AM Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Discussion | September 23 | 6:00 PM | Room 202

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | September 23 | 7:30 PM | Choir Room

Children’s Ministry Team Meeting | September 27 | 12:15 PM Room 204

Trey Clegg Singers Concert | October 3 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary



Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
&
74th Anniversary Sunday

September 20, 2026 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

“God doesn’t give in order to acquire. God loves without self-seeking; that’s the heart of who God is. God gives for the benefit of others.”

- **Miroslav Volf, *Free of Charge***

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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 in G | William Harris

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT
Fairest Lord Jesus | Arr. Willis

***HYMN OF PRAISE 694**
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken | AUSTRIAN HYMN

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | Melissa Lester
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 intended to be.
We confess our reluctance and ask for God’s forgiveness.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**
Sisters and Brothers. God is compassionate and loving. God has forgiven us. Let us rest in the grace of God.
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 28:10-19
Melissa Lester | Old Testament p. 25

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: ROMANS 8:12-25
Susan Harlan | New Testament p. 158

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 697**
In Christ There Is No East or West | ST. PETER

***GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 13:24-30**
Melissa Lester | New Testament p. 14

SERMON | *Weeds* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 115**
Fairest Lord Jesus | CRUSADER’S HYMN

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING
Please place offering in plate or text NDBCGIVE to “73256” followed by the amount.
You can also give online by scanning the QR code below.



MUSICAL OFFERING
Children of the Heavenly Father | Arr. Scholz
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** | INSIDE HYMNAL COVER
Come We Now | CANTICUM CELTICA

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
Holy God, We Praise Your Name | Michael Burkhardt

Melissa Lester, Worship Leader
Susan Harlan, Lay Leader

Today the flowers are given by Len and Marty Willingham to the glory of God, in honor of the choir and music ministry of Northside Drive Baptist Church, and to welcome the new director of music, Madison Tiegreen.

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

