

Welcome

We are a faith community that loves deeply, serves generously, and welcomes openly all God’s children to join us on a journey of faith and faithfulness.

No matter who you are, no matter your circumstances, you can be fully known and fully loved at Northside Drive.

Core Practices

INCLUSIVE

We welcome the equal participation of all people in all parts of the church, including leadership.

INQUIRING

We ask questions that challenge our understanding of God and the way God works in the world.

INVOLVED

We serve our community beyond the church’s walls. We value relationships with church members and those who will never step foot in the church.

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

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The Pocket Pinnacle

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

Advent | Hope

When do we begin to hope?
Advent arises from our yearning. It taps into that deep longing that can only come from a place of deprivation, can only come from lack, can only come from knowing that we are missing something that we desperately need. And so we wait.



Christmas Giving

Andrew P. Stewart Center

- Take a tag from the giving tree in the Narthex or shop the Stewart Center Amazon Wishlist.
- Volunteer to help set up the shop on December 11 & 12 or wrap gifts on December 13, 14 & 15.
- Bring your unwrapped gifts to the church by December 10.

Learn more | northsidedrive.org/advent

The Welcome Co-op

The Shop for Hope provides free clothing for refugee families who often arrive with little more than the clothes they are wearing.

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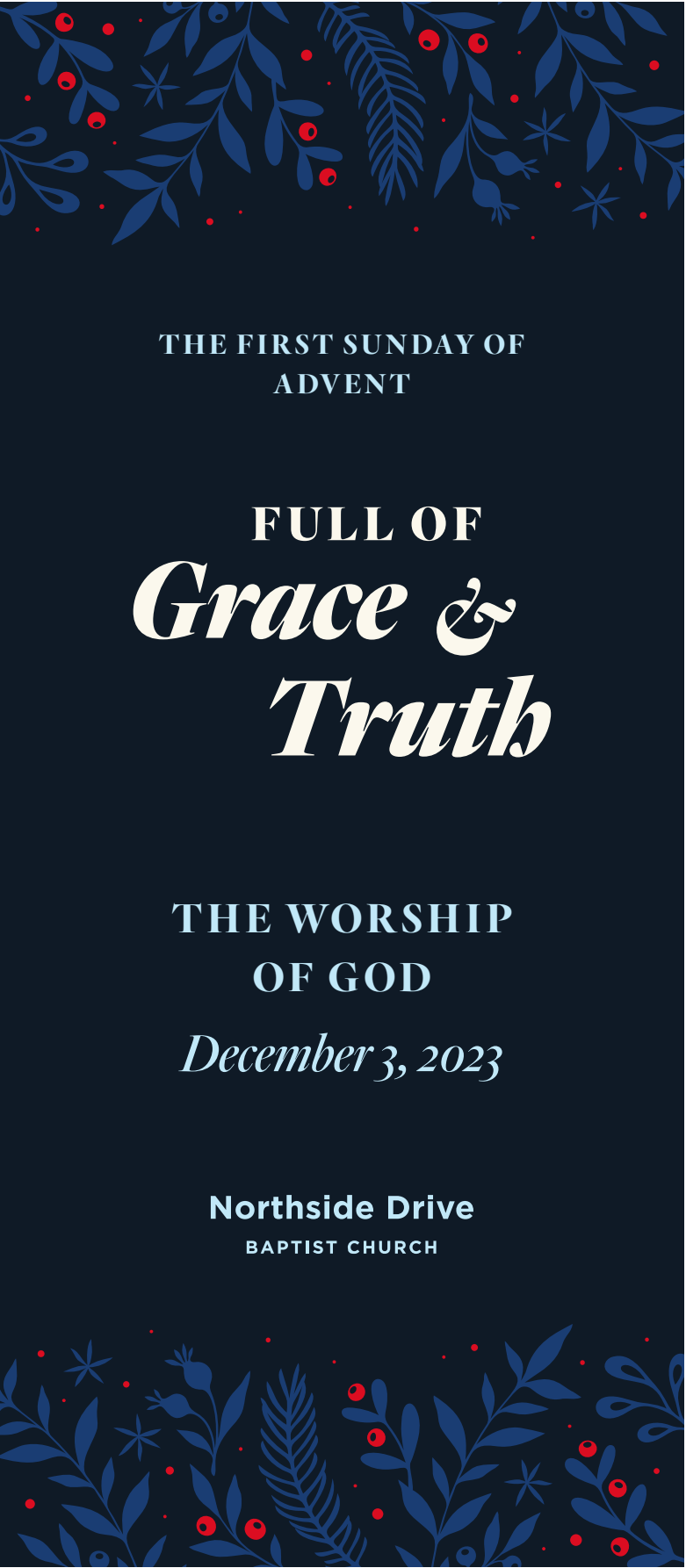
Barbara Atchley | 404-310-9635
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Order a Poinsettia | Deadline December 8

We will display poinsettias in our sanctuary from December 17th through Christmas Eve. The cost per poinsettia is \$20, and you can participate by enclosing a check to Northside Drive Baptist Church in a special order envelope found in the sanctuary and dropping it in an offering plate or by calling or emailing Flower Team Chair Virginia Gilbert at 770-617-1809 or gilbertva3@gmail.com. Please write “poinsettia” in the memo line of the check.

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

- FESTIVAL SINGERS OF ATLANTA CONCERT “WINTER LIGHT” & RECEPTION** December 3 | 3 PM
- HOLY HAPPY HOUR** | December 6 | 5 PM | Round Trip Brewing
- TRIPLE E** | December 12 | 11 AM
- JOYS OF CHRISTMAS | GAUDETE SUNDAY** December 17 | 11 AM
- BLUE CHRISTMAS: A MEDITATION OF HOPE** | December 20 | 6:30 PM
- CHRISTMAS EVE | FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE** December 24 | 11 AM
- CHRISTMAS EVE | LESSONS, CAROLS, AND COMMUNION** December 24 | 5:30 PM



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Preparation for Worship

“Who will take hold of the human heart, to make it stand still and see how eternity, which stands firm, has neither future nor past, but ordains future and past times?”
- Augustine of Hippo, Confessions Book XI

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

While by My Sheep, We Watched at Night | German Carol
I Wonder As I Wander | American Melody
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen | English Carol
Hal Meeks, Euphonium; Melinda Clark, Organ

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zion
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*HYMN OF PRAISE 135

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | HYFRYDOL

* SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Hartwell Dew & Melissa Lester

As we begin this day, we await the Advent of Christ.

We gather as a people of hope.

We stand today in breathless anticipation of a joyful season that has been celebrated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

Our hope springs anew, from the ancient vision.

As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth.

We are a people of hope.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope.

*GLORIA | GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

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GATHERING | Scott Hovey

The Word

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

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 64:1-9

Andrew Taylor | Old Testament p. 694

MORNING PRAYER

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

David Beavers | New Testament p. 166

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN | Ashley Guthas

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 163

Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming
ES IST EIN’ ROS’ ENTSPRUNGEN

*GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 13:24-37

Andrew Taylor | New Testament p. 50

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Future/ Past | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 167

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | PICARDY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Every Valley | John Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted, and ev’ry mountain made low;

And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the lord shall be revealed

And all flesh shall see it together;

for the mouth of the lord hath spoken it. Amen

Isaiah 40:4-5

*DOXOLOGY | W ZLOBIE LEZY

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,

Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.

Here we offer to you gladly, all the gifts that you impart,

As we glory in your presence, giving from a grateful heart.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (SEE INSERT)

We are invited to participate in Holy Communion by standing intinction.

After the choir has been served, please come forward to one of the two

stations using the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and

eat. We are using gluten-free bread. You may return to your pew by the

side aisles. Should you need bread and the cup brought to you, notify an

usher and the celebrants will be glad to serve you in your pew.

The Commission

“. . . and I will be with you always.”

*HYMN OF WITNESS 131

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying | WACHET AUF

Stanza 1 Choir; Stanzas 2-3 All

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In | English Carol

The flowers are donated today by Cindy McCollum to the honor and glory of God and in memory of her parents, Robert and Nancy Wilson whose anniversary was December 5.

Andrew Taylor, Worship Leader

David Beavers, Lay Reader

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