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.



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The Pocket Pinnacle

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

The Audacious Politics of Hope

Here we are only weeks away from what many are calling the most important election of our lifetimes. We've heard it all, right? One way that our faith becomes political is by providing us a criterion for voting. This list will sometimes include moral issues like abortion and same sex marriage. Sometimes this list will be justice oriented, with care and compassion at the center. This view can play out in multiple ways based on how we read the Bible and how we understand God's work in the world.

But there is another way altogether that our faith can inform our politics. And that is by searching for something completely new. Christian faith points towards a new creation, a kingdom built on justice, grace and love. That we don't see it doesn't mean we don't seek it. Theologian J. Deotis Roberts puts it this way, "Things hoped for and reached after always elude complete fulfillment. Indeed, a Christian dies reaching."

What if we allowed our Christian hope to construct our politics? What if we began to reach towards hope- audacious hope, a hope grounded in the life and love of Jesus, one whose life embodied the new creation? Maybe, just maybe, we will discover a new way to frame this moment in time.

Scott Hovey

Trunk or Treat

Join Northside Drive Baptist Church and Kiddos this afternoon October 27, at 4:00 PM for an afternoon of spooky community fun! It will be a frightfully fun time filled with inflatables, face painting, a live DJ, and food trucks for food purchases. It's a celebration you don't want to miss! Please register online on the Events page at northsidedrive. org. The children's ministry team would love to have at least 20 trunks from NDBC members. Contact Virginia Gilbert at gilbertva3@gmail. com to volunteer to decorate your trunk! We hope to see you there!

Children's Ministry Team

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Church In Conference Today | 12:15 PM | Sanctuary

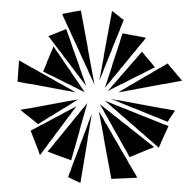
Trunk or Treat Today | 4:00 PM | NDBC Parking Lot

Wednesday Bible Study October 30 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Virtual

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal October 30 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

Holy Happy Hour November 6 | 5:00 PM | Round Trip Brewing

Falcons Game: Tailgate Gathering November 10 | 12:15 PM | Pavilion



Northside Drive

The Worship of God
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024 | 11 AM

The Preparation for Worship

"Politics is a practice of the imagination. Sometimes politics is the 'art of the impossible,' but it is always an art, and engages the imagination just as art does."

Theopolitical Imagination, William T. Cavanaugh

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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

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Michael Burkhardt

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | Johann Walther

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

*HYMN OF PRAISE 130

Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | AZMON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice in the freedom of God.

God's freedom calls us toward an ever-changing reformation.

God's freedom invites us to intimacy with God.

God's freedom demands action and responsibility and relationship.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us bask in God's freedom and let us find the courage to live into God's freedom by speaking the truth, forgiving ourselves and others, and by loving one another.

We confess that God's freedom is both liberating and demanding.

We confess that we have not loved God, our neighbors, our enemies, or ourselves as Christ has commanded. We ask for God's forgiveness. We pause for a moment of silent confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, we are forgiven! Live fully in the grace of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GLORIA PATRI 805 | GREATOREX

The Word

"Blessed are they that hear the word of the Lord."

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 8:4-22 Cathy Wooten | Old Testament p. 251

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 12:9-13:10 Scott Hovey | New Testament p. 162

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN | Sadaf Erastus

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 557 Open My Eyes, That I May See | SCOTT

*THE GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 12:13-17 Cathy Wooten | New Testament p. 49

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | God's Things | Scott Hovey

The Response

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 532 Be Thou My Vision | SLANE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Thanks Be to Thee | G.F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Scott Hovey

The Commission

". . . and I will be with you always."

*HYMN OF WITNESS 552

My Faith Looks Up to Thee | OLIVET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High | Michael Burkhardt

Cathy Wooten, Worship Leader

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