

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.

Hanging of the Greens | December 1

Please join us for our annual Hanging of the Greens service in the Sanctuary. If you are able, please bring some greenery to help adorn our Sanctuary and Narthex. Coffee and light breakfast fare will be provided in the Art and Soul classroom (202) at 9:30 AM before the service.

Hanging of the Greens is a service for the first Sunday of Advent based on the English tradition of decorating the home with evergreens for Advent and Christmas. Children and adults will be invited to hang Chrismons on the trees in the Sanctuary, and traditional carols will be sung. Please make plans to attend this service as we begin the season of Advent.

Advent Poinsettias

In keeping with a long-time Northside Drive tradition, we will display poinsettias in our Sanctuary from Gaudete Sunday, December 15, through Christmas Eve. We invite everyone to donate a poinsettia in honor/memory of friends or loved ones or in thankfulness for a meaningful event or person in your life.

The cost per poinsettia is \$20, and you can participate by enclosing cash or 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. After either service on December 24, you are welcome to take your poinsettia(s) home.

The deadline to order is **Sunday, December 8**. *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.

Flower Ministry Team

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Decoration Sunday Today | 12:15 PM | Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Today | 12:15 PM | Choir Room

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Today | 4:00 PM
St. Anne's Episcopal Church

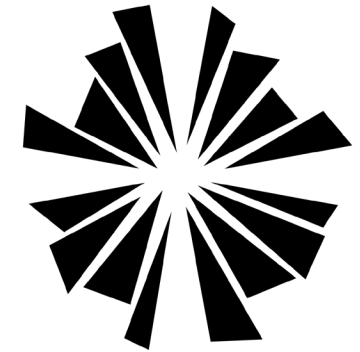
No Wednesday Bible Study November 27

No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal November 27

Church Office Closed November 28 - 29 | All Day | NDBC

Hanging of the Greens December 1 | 9:30 AM | Room 202/Sanctuary

Holy Happy Hour December 4 | 5:00 PM | *Round Trip Brewing*



Northside Drive

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God
Reign of Christ Sunday
Festival of Thanksgiving
November 24, 2024 | 11 AM

The Preparation for Worship

*"Speaking the truth: If contemporary culture is skeptical about the word **truth**, it is even more deeply suspicious about the word **the**."*

Speaking the Truth, Samuel Wells

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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

Thanks Be to Thee | G.F. Handel

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN*

*HYMN OF PRAISE 381

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today on this final Sunday of the Christian year.

We gather to celebrate the reign of Christ who unites all things.

We indulge ourselves in what sounds like holy nonsense, for if Christ reigns overall, why are peace and love and justice and hope so scarce?

Why are war and hunger and despair so rampant?

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We believe that the Reign of Christ began as a small seed quietly planted; and we believe it will one day reach full fruition.

Forgive us, O God, for not living into this hopeful longing with our whole hearts; and forgive our compliance with evil. We pause for a moment of silent confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, it is not our fate to bear heavy burdens of shame or to strive to useless self-justification. God, who knows us completely, loves us completely.

We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GLORIA PATRI 805 | GREATOR EX

The Word

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 23:1-7

Melissa Lester | Old Testament p. 299

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.

STORIES OF GENEROSITY AND GIVING | Brian Knight

EPISTLE LESSON: REVELATION 1:4B-8

Virginia Gilbert | New Testament p. 245

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN | Sadaf Erastus

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 262

Rejoice, the Lord Is King | DARWALL

*THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 18:33-38

Melissa Lester | New Testament p. 113

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | *Truth v. Power* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 374

Now Thank We All Our God
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | Thompson
Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Scott Hovey

The Commission

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

*HYMN OF WITNESS 747

Lead On, O King Eternal | LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune | Henry Purcell

Melissa Lester, Worship Leader
Virginia Gilbert, Lay Reader
Mack Beverly, Guest Organist

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Linda Bridges. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM on December 7.

Today’s flowers are given by Beth Laxton to the glory of God and in honor of her parents’ 69th wedding anniversary on November 20.

The Thanksgiving Festival arrangements on the Communion Table and in the Narthex are provided by the NDBC Flower and Missions Ministry Teams. And in the spirit of the season of Thanksgiving, a financial donation has been made to Urban Recipe, a food co-op serving the Atlanta community.

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