

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.



Sharing Christmas Cheer and Warmth

NDBC members have really shown their love and generosity through their support of our missions efforts this Christmas season.

Our Christmas giving focused on the Shop of Hope and the Stewart Center. We were able to deliver dozens of coats, gloves, hats, and other warm items for refugee families, which were really needed as the cold weather arrived!

Multiple car loads of toys, games, crafts, and books also made their way to the Andrew P. Stewart Center, ready for parents to select special items for their children. Northside Drivers also volunteered at the Center to help parents pick the perfect gifts and to wrap the presents ready to put under the tree.

We will continue to collect winter clothing items for the Shop of Hope through January. Just bring items to the Narthex or leave them in the Art and Soul classroom.

Missions Ministry Team

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Blue Christmas: A Meditation of Hope Today | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary

Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service December 24 | 4:00 PM
Sanctuary

Lessons & Carols December 24 | 5:30 PM | Sanctuary

Church Office Closed December 24-27

No Church School December 29

Worship December 29 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

*MY SOUL
MAGNIFIES
THE LORD*

LUKE 1:46

THE WORSHIP
OF GOD
December 22, 2024

Northside Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Preparation for Worship

“It is beyond the capacity of human parents to produce a child who is God. Humankind cannot bring forth a Jesus, any more than it can bring forth true and lasting peace. Only God can do it. Only God will do it. Only God.”

Fleming Rutledge, *Advent*

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

In Dulci Jubilo | J. S. Bach

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

Of the Father’s Love Begotten | DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*CAROL OF PRAISE 156

Gentle Mary Lay Her Child | TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

David Beavers and Andrew Taylor

God is making the final preparations for an amazing thing!

Let us remember and prepare for God’s intervention of love.

At first, there was the frail light of a single Candle of Hope, daring to pierce the darkness of despair and sin.

Then, the Candle of Peace brought us God’s persistent fire that dispels the forces of violence.

Then, the Candle of Joy promised that our weeping will turn into laughter and our mourning into gladness.

Today, we light the Candle of Love, for no other word so completely captures the spirit of our faith or beautifully describes what we know about God.

For God so loved the world that a child was given; and this Holy Child shared the love of God with the world.

We give thanks for the love of God seen most clearly in the life of Jesus Christ. May the life and love and light of God shine brightly in our lives.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

*GLORIA | GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

The Word

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: MICAH 5:2-5A

Melissa Lester | Old Testament p. 865

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: HEBREWS 10:5-10

Virginia Gilbert | New Testament p. 224

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN | Sadaf Erastus

*CAROL OF PREPARATION 166

While By the Sheep We Watched | JUNGST

*GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 1:39-55

Melissa Lester | New Testament p. 57

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | *Lifted Up* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CAROL OF DEDICATION 157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice | IN DULCI JUBILO

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

Away in a Manger | CRADLE SONG
Sanctuary Choir

*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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Scott Hovey

The Commission

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

*CAROL OF WITNESS 162

The First Noel | THE FIRST NOEL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
Dietrich Buxtehude

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

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Nancy Davis in her death on December 11. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Today’s flowers are donated by Linda Clark Lester in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Addition to last Sunday’s Poinsettia Dedications:
Given in loving memory of Valerie Landers and Jerry Poole by Jackie Poole and family.

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