

# 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](http://northsidedrive.org/the-pinnacle).



## Blessing of the Animals | Today 4:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi is one of my faith heroes. His life was beautifully portrayed in the 1972 Franco Zeffirelli film *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*. St. Francis had a special relationship with creation- the flowers of the fields, the birds of the air, and the animals. Each year the feast of St. Francis falls at the beginning of October, and many churches recognize this occasion with a Blessing of the Animals service.

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held today at 4:00 PM in our Pavilion. I encourage you to bring your dogs and cats- no slithering reptiles please!- for a service of blessing. Stuffed animals are welcome as are photos of our dearly departed pets. Please use crates and/or leashes.

**Scott Hovey**

## Triple E: *Smokelore: A Short History of Barbecue in America* | October 14 | 11:00 AM

Jim Auchmutey will join us to review his wide-ranging history of a favorite American food. Covering the entire history of the United States, his book weaves in many aspects of our culture and touches every region and demographic group. A delicious barbecue lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by October 10 to Barbara Atchley at [atchley2005@gmail.com](mailto:atchley2005@gmail.com) or 404-310-9635.

## Upcoming Events | [northsidedrive.org/events](http://northsidedrive.org/events)

**Missions Ministry Team Meeting** Today | 12:15 PM | Room 204

**Blessing of the Animals** Today | 4:00 PM-5:00 PM | Pavilion

**Scott’s Office Hours** October 6 | 9:00-11:00 AM | NDBC Office

**Wednesday Bible Study** October 8 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid

**Wednesday Discussion: *You Are What You Love* by James K.A.Smith**  
October 8 | 6:00 PM | Room 202/Hybrid

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** October 8 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

**Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting** October 12 | 12:15 PM  
Room 204

**Triple E: *Smokelore: A Short History of Barbecue in America*** October 14  
11:00 AM | Chapel

**Chapel Dedication** October 26 | 11:00 AM | Chapel

**Trunk or Treat** October 26 | 4:00 PM | NDBC Parking Lot



# Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God  
**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
&  
**World Communion Sunday**

**October 5, 2025 | 11:00 AM**

## The Preparation for Worship

“It is still God’s policy to work through the embarrassingly insignificant to change the world and create the future. God has chosen to work through the foolishness of human instrumentality. And he wants to use your life and mine to make a difference in the world. Just as Jesus invited that first unlikely bunch of fishermen, he invites us to drop our nets and abandon our boats and join him in the adventure of changing the world. He invites us to join the Mustard Seed Conspiracy.”

**Tom Sine**, *The Mustard Seed Conspiracy*

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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* | Camille Saint-Saëns

**CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**INTROIT**  
*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple* | QUAM DILECTA

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 41**  
*Stand Up and Bless the Lord* | ST. MICHAEL

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
We have been called away from that which is mundane.  
**We have been called together to worship God.**  
We bring our anxieties and fears and frustrations that distract us.  
**We ask God to grace us by giving us the focus of hope.**  
With longing hearts we desire to experience God.  
**With joyful songs and earnest prayers we seek God.**

**GATHERING** | Scott Hovey

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
On this World Communion Sunday, we remember that we are part of the Global Body of Christ with brothers and sisters of different races, ethnicities, cultures, and languages.  
**We confess that often we have lived smaller lives than God intended. May God forgive our myopic perspectives that are narrower than the grand inclusive love of God. We pause for a moment of silent confession...**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**  
Sisters and brothers, God is generous in love and full of grace. Let us live lives as large as the grace of God. You are forgiven.  
**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: LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6**  
Dan Oakley | Old Testament p. 762

**MORNING PRAYER**

**EPISTLE LESSON: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-4**  
Barbara Atchley | New Testament p. 211

**MUSICAL OFFERING**  
*In Remembrance* | Red Arr. Larson  
Sanctuary Choir

**\*GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 17:5-10**  
Dan Oakley | New Testament p. 80

**SERMON** | *The Mustard Seed Conspiracy* | Scott Hovey

## The Response

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

**DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 60**  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness* | FAITHFULNESS

**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**  
*Love Never Fails* | Based on 1 Corinthians 13  
Sanctuary Choir  
Raj Das, Solo  
Maggie Inman, Cello

**\*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.**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** | SEE INSERT

We are invited to participate in Holy Communion by standing intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. 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 702**  
*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* | ST. THOMAS

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**  
*Foundation* | John Ness Beck

Dan Oakley, Worship Leader  
Barbara Atchley, Lay Reader

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