

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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CONNECT

The Pocket Pinnacle

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

Trunk or Treat | October 26 | 4:00 PM

Please consider decorating your car’s trunk and passing out candy (no nuts please) to about 50-75 kids. This is a wonderful time to have fun with our church family, to introduce ourselves to visitors from the community, and to get to know our Kiddos’ families. Our own Cali Almeida is the DJ this year! There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table, or contact Virginia Gilbert at 770 617-1809, or email her at gilbertva3@gmail.com. If you are decorating a trunk, please arrive between 3:15 and 3:30 to get in the line of decorated trunks. Please join us even if you can’t decorate a trunk. Volunteers are needed for both set up and tear down. We hope to see you there! Don’t miss out on this fun event!

Children’s Ministry Team

Lunch and Learn | November 2

Marc and Kim are good friends and longtime ministry partners. They have served as CBF field personnel for many years- first in Thailand, then many years in Ottawa, Canada and then finally in the Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill) of North Carolina. The focus of their work has been with refugees and immigrants. During their time in Canada, the Wyatts helped set up a number of Matthew Houses, places of welcome for newly arrived immigrants. They brought this vision to NC and set up the Welcome House (now with many locations).

The Wyatts will be with us on Sunday, November 2. You are invited to join a Lunch and Learn in the Chapel after the service. They will share many stories about their ministry and ways that we, too, can join in the important Gospel work of welcoming the stranger.

There is no charge for the lunch, but we need reservations by Friday, October 31.

Contact Barbara Atchley 404-310-9635 or atchley2005@gmail.com.

Scott Hovey

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Chapel Dedication | Today | 11:00 AM | Chapel

Church in Conference | Today | 12:15 PM | Room 202

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

Wednesday Bible Study | October 29 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Hybrid

Wednesday Prayer Gathering | October 29 | 6:00 PM | Room 202/Hybrid

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | October 29 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

Missions Ministry Lunch & Learn | November 2 | 12:15 PM | Chapel

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

The Exvangelicals: Sarah McCammon | November 9 | 4:00 PM | Chapel



READ MORE



Northside Drive Baptist Church

The Worship of God Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 26, 2025 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

“Traditionally, of course, churches are expected to be holy.

Even if one is not traditional, one thinks of churches as holy.

Even a non-churchgoer expects to walk into a church and feel something different, even if he or she has never been there

before. And they are. Churches are holy. But our buildings, our sacred spaces, are not holy only because of expectation or

architecture or silence or time apart. Churches are holy because holy things have happened there. And the buildings know it.

Those events and experiences are real; they make a difference.”

**- Samuel G. Candler, Dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip,
Atlanta, GA**

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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

Two Jazz Arrangements:
O Sing to the Lord & What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Johannes Mathias Michel

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.
Blessed be the Lord; may God’s glory fill the whole earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God | ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.
We pause for a moment of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. God forgives all who humbly repent and trust in Jesus.
There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*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: JOEL 2:23-32

Syd Janney | Old Testament p. 848

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: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

Virginia Gilbert | New Testament p. 213

DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 21

How Great Thou Art | O STORE GUD

*GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 18:9-14

Syd Janney | New Testament p. 81

SERMON | *Anti-Hero* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 461

Jesus, Lover of My Soul | ABERYSTWYTH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

Please place offering in plate or text NDBC GIVE to “73256” followed by the amount.
You can also give online by scanning the QR code below.



MUSICAL OFFERING

The Peace of God | J. Rutter
Sanctuary Choir

*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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** | Scott Hovey

The Commission

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

*HYMN OF WITNESS 532

Be Thou My Vision | SLANE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful Improvisation on “Let All Things Now Living”
ASH GROVE

Syd Janney, Worship Leader
Virginia Gilbert, Lay Reader

The flowers are provided today by Susan and Hartwell Dew in celebration of the renovation of our Chapel; in memory of Wade Davis, whose legacy made the renovation possible; and in gratitude to the many whose labor has brought the vision into reality, with special thanks to Jordan Clark for his leadership throughout the project.

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