

The Pinnacle

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November 13, 2025

November 16 | Livestream * Order of Worship

Here Comes Advent!



Advent is our time of preparation for Christmas. We prepare by decorating our church and our homes. We prepare by making plans to see family and friends. We prepare by quieting our hearts before the wonder of the incarnation. "You shall call his name Emmanuel," the angel said to Joseph. Emmanuel means God is with us. Christmas proclaims that ours is a God who is not distant, not aloof, not separate, but is with us. The season of Advent gives us time to make ourselves ready to receive such good news.

Make plans to worship with us this Advent!

Sunday, November 30 | 9:45 AM Hanging of the Greens **Sunday, November 30** | 11:00 AM First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7 | 11:00 AM Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14 | 11:00 AM Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Wednesday, December 17 | 6:00 PM Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 21 | 11:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 24 | 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Vespers Service Wednesday, December 24 | 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

Sarah McCammon Shared Her Story with Us



This past Sunday afternoon, NPR reporter Sarah McCammon, spoke to us in the Chapel about her book *The Exvangelicals*. She shared both personally and as a journalist. She discussed a movement of people exiting evangelical churches. Some leave because they ask too many questions, some leave because they are not accepted, some leave because they don't fit. Many of these people never return to church. But some are able to discover churches of grace and welcome. Sarah left us with a lot to think about!

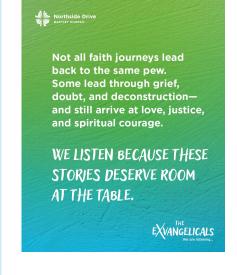
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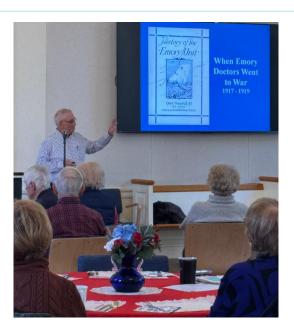


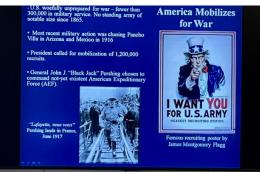






Triple E | When Emory Doctors Went to War | Ren Davis





Ren Davis presented a wonderful Veteran's Day program about the New Emory University School of Medicine and Georgia doctors and nurses who answered the call to serve when America entered World War I in 1917.





Community Thanksgiving Service | November 23 | 4:00 PM

Join us for a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, at 4:00 PM. The Rev. KC Crewdson from St. Anne's Episcopal Church will be preaching for us this year. A reception will be held in the Chapel after the shared service.





During the Christmas season, NDBC offers opportunities for members to bring joy to others. Through donations of clothing, toys, food, and money, we express God's love in our community. As you plan your personal or family giving, please consider supporting these projects led by the Missions Team.

Andrew P. Stewart Center

The Stewart Center has been serving Atlanta communities since 1916. The Center provides after-school and summer programs for the children,

wellness resources for the families, and affordable housing to residents of the Pittsburgh community of southwest Atlanta.

As in past years, the Center will host a Pop-Up Shop at Gideons Elementary School so parents can select gifts for their children. Parents and volunteers will also have the opportunity to wrap the gifts.

Giving and Volunteer Opportunities for the Andrew P. Stewart Center

- Take a tag created by our children from the Giving Tree.
- Volunteer to help set up the Pop-Up Shop on December 8 & 9.
- Volunteer to assist shoppers or to wrap gifts at the Pop-Up Shop on December 10, 11, & 12.
- Sign up to volunteer at the store using this link.

Please bring your unwrapped gifts no later than December 7.

Agape Youth and Family Center

The Agape Center serves children and families through a variety of programs that offer hope, skills, and education, empowering them to achieve their full potential.

The Holiday Gift Store is a festive, community-focused event where Agape transforms its gymnasium into a free store for pre-registered families. Families can "shop" for gifts to give their children, creating a joyful holiday experience and ensuring that every child has something special under the tree.

Giving and Volunteer Opportunities for the Agape Center

- NDBC is collecting NEW winter coats, hats, gloves, and pajamas for Infants through Adult 2XL.
- As a reminder to bring a clothing item, please take a tag created by our children from the Giving Tree.
- Sign up to volunteer at the Holiday Gift Store.

Please bring your unwrapped gifts no later than December 7.

BCM of Georgia

The mission of BCM (formerly Buckhead Christian Ministry) is to keep vulnerable families housed while creating pathways to financial stability. Their two-generation approach ensures children stay in school, families thrive, and communities grow stronger.

· Help make their holidays brighter with a \$20 or \$25 gift card from Kroger or Publix.

Please bring the gift cards no later than December 14.

Questions? Contact Nancy Hall 404-791-7104 or Barbara Atchley 404-310-9635.





This week we have a change of pace as Jeremy Lewis, Executive Director of the Atlanta Chapter of Urban Recipe, will be our guest speaker. Urban Recipe's mission is "to promote food security and dignity through intentionally designed community-driven food cooperatives prioritizing equitable food access, relationship building, and participation in decision-making."

Jeremy is a graduate of UGA where he studied finance and was a member of the football team. He also holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Candler School of Theology. He was a former member of Northside Drive and was ordained to ministry by our church. He and his wife Beth live in Decatur with their three children: Isaiah, Naomi, and Olivia.

There will be no lesson to study this week, but there is homework. We plan to send Jeremy back to Urban Recipe with a collection of canned vegetables, especially various kinds of beans (except green beans) and corn, as well as boxed cereals. You're invited to get a jumpstart on your holiday giving by joining us in this project on Sunday.

Hartwell Dew

This Sunday

Adult Church School Special Guest: Jeremy Lewis, Urban Recipe 9:30 AM | Room 202

> Children's Church School 10:00 AM | *Undercroft*

Worship
11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Deacons' Meeting 12:15 PM | Room 202

Upcoming Events

Church Council
November 17 | 7:00 PM
Room 202

Wednesday Bible Study November 19 | 10:30 AM Room 202

Wednesday Night Discussion November 19 | 6:00 PM Room 202/Hybrid

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal November 19 | 7:00 PM Choir Room Community Thanksgiving Service November 23 | 4:00 PM Sanctuary

NDBC Office Closed for Thanksgiving November 26 at 12PM-November 28 NDBC Office

> Coffee and Light Breakfast November 30 | 9:15 AM Room 204

Hanging of the Greens November 30 | 9:45 AM Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal November 23 | 3:00 PM Choir Room



November Birthdays

Larry McSwain - 10

Joel Stouffer - 10

Emma Martin - 11

Kurt Thomas - 15

Jenney Headrick - 25

Catherine Campbell - 29

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