

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.



Appreciation Luncheon for Len Willingham

Len Willingham will be concluding his role as Interim Music Director on January 4, 2026. He has been in this interim role for almost 18 months. During this time, Len has faithfully led our music program and worked tirelessly with Melinda and our Sanctuary Choir to present beautiful music to enhance our worship services. We are grateful for his dedication to our congregation.

Everyone, particularly all choir members, is invited to an appreciation lunch in honor of Len’s service. The lunch will take place in the Chapel after the worship service on January 4.

Please join us on January 4 to offer your thanks and appreciation to Len and Marty. Please RSVP by January 1 to Barbara Atchley, 404.310.9635 or atchley2005@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Pastor Scott’s Office Hours | December 29 | 9:00-11:00 AM
NDBC Office

Happy New Year! Church Office Closed | January 1-2

Appreciation Luncheon for Len Willingham | January 4 | 12:15 PM
Chapel

Wednesday Bible Study | January 7 | 10:30AM | Room 202/Hybrid

Holy Happy Hour | January 7 | 5:00-7:00 PM | Round Trip Brewing

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | January 7 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

Worship and Music Ministry Team Meeting | January 11 | 12:15 PM
Conference Room

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Meeting | January 12 | 10:00 AM
Chapel

Northside Drive BAPTIST CHURCH



The Worship of God

First Sunday After Christmas
December 28, 2025 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

“The fellowship of the God who is love has these two sides: it leads us into God’s sufferings and into his infinite sorrow; but it will only be consummated in the feast of God’s eternal joy and in the dance of those who have been redeemed from sorrow. For true love bears all things, endures all things and hopes all things in order to make the other happy, and thereby to find bliss itself.”

Jürgen Moltmann, *The Trinity and the Kingdom*

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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

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella | French Carol

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CAROL OF PRAISE 157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice | IN DULCO JUBILO

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We give God praise and thanksgiving on this good day; let us worship God together.

We have seen the face of God in the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

The holy season of Christmas invites us to look for Christ among the lowly and share in God’s work of reconciliation.

The Reign of God is among us; let us live as a redeemed community.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We profess our faith in God, and we also confess our sins to God.

We sing of the Prince of Peace who has come; yet, we do not live in peace with ourselves or our world. We ask God to forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved in Christ, our God is merciful and full of grace. We are forgiven.

Let us live by the faith that makes us whole, and follow the Prince of Peace as we walk in the ways of peace.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GLORIA | GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Word

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 63:7-9

Syd Janney | Old Testament p. 693

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 2:10-18

Scott Hovey | New Testament p. 219

*CAROL OF PREPARATION 169

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly | W ZLOBIE LEZY

*GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 2:13-23

Syd Janney | New Testament p. 2

SERMON | *The Innocents* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CAROL OF DEDICATION 150

What Child Is This? | GREENSLEEVES

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

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

You can also give online by scanning the QR code below.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming | German Carol;

Johannes Brahms

Melinda Clark, organ

*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.”

*CAROL OF WITNESS 151

Go, Tell It on the Mountain | GO TELL IT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He is Born, the Child Divine | French Carol

Syd Janney, Worship Leader

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