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.

CONNECT

Church Staff

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The Pocket Pinnacle

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

READ MORE

Missions Ministry Lunch & Learn
Today | 12:15 PM | Chapel

After worship today, the Missions Ministry Team will be hosting a Lunch and Learn for congregants to hear more about The Good Samaritan Health Center. Heather Kersey, the Chief Development Officer and Director of Finance, will join us.

Triple E: How to Protect Yourself from Fraud
November 10 | 11:00 AM | Chapel

Incidents of fraud have exploded, with older adults suffering the greatest financial impact from fraud last year, according to the FBI. How to combat this scourge? One important way is through awareness: knowing which scams are currently the most prevalent, how they work, and how to avoid them. A speaker from GA AARP will guide us through steps to increase our protection.

Children's Ministry Lunch & Learn
November 15 | 12:15 PM | Chapel

Please join us for a light lunch provided by the Children's Ministry Team on November 15, 2026, in the Chapel after Sunday worship.

This will be an opportunity for us to think about new ways that we could serve our children.

Rev. Harrison Litzell will be our speaker. He is the Program Coordinator at the Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership at Mercer University. He has worked in children's ministry for over ten years in a variety of settings and now researches and leads in areas of safety, inclusive worship practices, and neurodiversity in church.

RSVP to Virginia Gilbert at gilbertva3@gmail.com by November 12.

Upcoming Events | *northsidedrive.org/events*

Missions Lunch & Learn | Today | 12:15 PM | Chapel

Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting | Today | 12:15 PM
Conference Room

Garden Club Meeting | November 9 | 10:30 AM | Chapel

Deacons' Meeting | November 9 | 6:00 PM | Virtual

Triple E | November 10 | 11:00 AM | Chapel

Wednesday Bible Study | November 11 | 10:30 AM | Room 202

Wednesday Night Discussion | November 11 | 6:00 PM | Room 202

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | November 11 | 7:30 PM | Choir Room

Children's Ministry Lunch & Learn | November 15 | 12:15 PM | Chapel

Church Council | November 16 | 7:00 PM | Room 202

Northside Drive
Baptist Church

The Worship of God

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

"I said to my soul, be still, and wait without hope
For hope would be hope for the wrong thing; wait without love,
For love would be love of the wrong thing; there is yet faith
But the faith and the love and the hope are all in the waiting."
T.S. Eliot, "East Coker," *The Four Quartets*

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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
Elevation in F | Alexandre Guilmant

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT
Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme
(Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying) | BACH

***HYMN OF PRAISE 634**
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | CWM RHONDDA

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | Cathy Wooten
We gather for worship as we bring our scattered thoughts and lives and loyalties into this Sanctuary.
We are grateful for the gifts of faith and community given by God. We are a thankful people.
We gather for worship as we walk away from the frustrations of the week.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We delight in God's invitation to relationship and wholeness.
We gather for worship so that we may confess our sins and own the shadows in our lives, for those haunt our joys and diminish our hopes.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**
Sisters and Brothers, God knows us and loves us. God has forgiven us!
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: JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25
Cathy Wooten | Old Testament p. 215

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: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
Michael Mosley | New Testament p. 204

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 580**
Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult | PLEADING SAVIOR

***GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 25:1-13**
Cathy Wooten | New Testament p. 28

SERMON | *Be Prepared* | Melissa Lester

The Response

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 530**
Be Still, My Soul | FINLANDIA

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
Offertory | John Ness Beck
Sanctuary Choir
With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

***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 131**
Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying | WACHET AUF

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
God of Grace | Paul Manz

Cathy Wooten, Worship Leader
Michael Mosley, Lay Reader

Today's flowers are placed in loving memory of J. Gordon Davis by his wife, Billie, and sons, Michael, Tad and Griffin. Gordon was a devoted husband, loving father and a good man who served this church with joy and care for over twenty five years.

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