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

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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

Advent Decoration Sunday | Today

Please join the Flower Team after the worship service today as we decorate our Sanctuary and Narthex for the Advent Season. All are invited to help.
Flower Ministry Team

Community Thanksgiving Service | Today 4:00 PM | St. Luke Lutheran Church

The annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by New Hope A.M.E and St. Luke Lutheran Church. The service will be held today at 4:00 PM at St. Luke Lutheran Church with a dessert reception to follow. If you are able, please bring canned goods for the Georgia Tech Campus Ministry Food Bank.

Order Poinsettias | Deadline December 6

In keeping with a long-time Northside Drive tradition, we will display poinsettias in our Sanctuary from Gaudete Sunday, December 13, through Christmas Eve. We invite everyone to donate a poinsettia in honor/memory of friends or loved ones or in thankfulness for a meaningful event or person in your life.

The cost per poinsettia is $20, and you can participate by enclosing a check to Northside Drive Baptist Church in a special order envelope, located in the Narthex, and dropping it in an offering plate or by calling or emailing Flower Team Chair Virginia Gilbert at 770-617-1809 or gilbertva3@gmail.com. Please write "poinsettia" on the memo line of the check.

After either service on December 24, you are welcome to take your poinsettia(s) home. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 6.

*Please note that U.S. tax regulations do not allow NDBC to offer contribution credit for this purchase, because the plants are returned to the giver. Thank you for your donations.

The Flower Team

Upcoming Events | *northsidedrive.org/events*

Advent Decoration Sunday | Today | 12:15 PM | Sanctuary/Narthex

Children's Ministry Team Meeting | Today | 12:15 PM | Room 204

Community Thanksgiving Service | Today | 4:00 PM
St. Luke Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway NW, Atlanta, GA

No Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer, or Choir Rehearsal | November 25

NDBC Office Closed for Thanksgiving | November 25-27 | All Day

Light Breakfast in Room 204 | November 29 | 9:15 AM

Hanging of the Greens Service | November 29 | 9:45 AM | Sanctuary

Sunday Worship | November 29 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

***The Advent of Advent*: History of the Church Calendar Event**
November 29 | 5:00 PM | Watson Faith & Arts Center:
Northside Church 2799 Northside Drive Atlanta, GA 30305

Northside Drive
Baptist Church

The Worship of God

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
&
Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026 | 11:00 AM

The Preparation for Worship

Christ is King, the patriarchy is not.
Christ is King, white supremacy is not.
Christ is King, democracy is not.
Christ is King, big money is not.
Christ is King, the status quo is not.
Christ is King, the church is not.
Christ is King, I am not.
- Meta Herrick Carlson, ***speak it plain***

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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
Dearest Jesus, at Your Word | Paul Manz

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come | H. Alford

***HYMN OF PRAISE 92**
Crown Him with Many Crowns | DIADEMATA

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | Jackie Poole
We gather together on this final Sunday of the Christian year.
We gather to celebrate the reign of Christ who unites all things.
We indulge ourselves in what sounds like holy nonsense, for if Christ reigns over all, why are peace and love and justice and hope so scarce?
Why are war and hunger and despair so rampant?
We believe that the Reign of Christ began as a small seed quietly planted; and we believe it will one day reach full fruition.
The Reign of Christ has begun.
The Kingdom of God has come near!

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Forgive us O God, for not living into this hopeful longing with our whole hearts; and forgive our compliance with evil.
We pause for a moment of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
People of God, it is not our fate to bear heavy burdens of shame or to strive to useless self-justification. God, who knows us completely, loves us completely. We 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: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24
Jackie Poole | Old Testament p. 803

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: EPHESIANS 1:15-23
Don Janney | New Testament p. 192

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 433**
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life | GERMANY

***GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 25:31-46**
Jackie Poole | New Testament p. 29

SERMON | *The Words of the King* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** | SEE INSERT
Love Divine All Loves Excelling | HYFRYDOL

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
Love Divine | Howard Goodall
Sanctuary Choir
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***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 381**
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come | ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
Improvisation on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT | Taylor Morton

Jackie Poole, Worship Leader
Don Janney, Lay Reader

The flowers in the Sanctuary are provided by Susan and John Isakson in memory of her parents, Jane and J.L. Jerden. Jane and J.L. were long-time members of Northside Drive Baptist Church.

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