

Welcome

We are a faith community that loves deeply, serves generously, and welcomes openly all God's children to join us on a journey of faith and faithfulness.

No matter who you are, no matter your circumstances, you can be fully known and fully loved at Northside Drive.

Core Practices

INCLUSIVE

We welcome the equal participation of all people in all parts of the church, including leadership.

INQUIRING

We ask questions that challenge our understanding of God and the way God works in the world.

INVOLVED

We serve our community beyond the church's walls. We value relationships with church members and those who will never step foot in the church.

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.

Christians Against Christian Nationalism

Over 100 people gathered in our Fellowship Hall this past Sunday afternoon to hear Amanda Tyler, the Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.

Amanda presented a compelling case for the separation of church and state, and how Christian nationalism cuts against that separation in a way that harms both the church and the democratic pillars of our country.

The audience (half church folks and half from the community) was engaged and asked many thoughtful questions. Amanda brought wisdom and statistics to make her case. Her gentle but stalwart presentation was a gift to churches (it wasn't just Baptists in the audience).

We concluded our time grateful for the opportunity to explore this relevant topic together. We acknowledged that this is a nuanced topic in a culture that doesn't do nuance very well.

We are so grateful to the Tom and Gladys McComb Lecture Series for making our time possible. We were honored to have several McComb family members with us on Sunday afternoon.

Scott Hovey

Anniversary Luncheon

Mark your calendars NOW for NDBC's 72nd Anniversary Luncheon in the Pavilion on Sunday, September 22, following church. We will offer a BBQ lunch with baked beans, slaw, chips, fruit and homemade cookies/brownies. The cost will be \$8 per adult, \$4 for children aged 4-12 and free for under 4 year olds. There is a family maximum of \$25.

Please make your reservation by September 19 with Lydia in the church office at 404-237-8621 or lydia@northsidedrive.org. We need a good head count!

Come and enjoy the good food and the wonderful NDBC community that continues for 72 years!

See you there...

Hospitality Ministry Team

Upcoming Events | northsidedrive.org/events

Wednesday Bible Study September 18 | 10:30 AM | Room 202/Virtual

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal September 18 | 7:00 PM | Choir Room

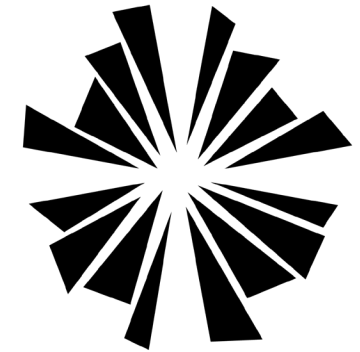
Third Thursday Gathering September 19 | 10:00 AM | Room 204

Church Council Retreat September 21 | 9:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Anniversary Luncheon September 22 | 12:15 PM | Pavilion

Documentary Screening: 1946 September 29 | 5:30 PM

First Baptist Church of Decatur



Northside Drive

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024 | 11 AM

The Preparation for Worship

"To speak well, to talk right, requires that our bodies be habituated by the language of faith. To be so habituated requires constant repetition. Without repetition, and repetition is but another word for the worship of God, we are in danger of losing the grammar of faith."

Stanley Hauerwas, *Working with Words: On Learning to Speak Christian*

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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

Prelude in A-flat | César Cui

Melinda Clark, Organ

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

INTROIT

Come, All Christians, Be Committed | BEACH SPRING

HYMN OF PRAISE 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God | ELLACOMBE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship after a week of many woes, but also much wonder.

We come seeking the strength of God.

We come to worship bringing our questions.

We come yearning to rest in the eternal love of God.

We come to worship in need of hope.

We come in gratitude for the people that care about us and for God who watches over us.

GATHERING | Scott Hovey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We also come confessing our sins.

We ask for God’s forgiveness and grace and a renewed hope.

We pause for a moment of silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God has welcomed us and embraced us with abundant love and forgiveness. All who come to Christ are made whole.

Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GLORIA PATRI 805 | GREATOREX

The Word

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PROVERBS 1:20-33

Melissa Lester | Old Testament p. 584

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: JAMES 3:1-12

Becky Pinney | New Testament p. 230

Time with the Children | Sadaf Erastus

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 532

Be Thou My Vision | SLANE

*THE GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 8:27-38

Melissa Lester | New Testament p. 43

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | *Speaking Christian* | Scott Hovey

The Response

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

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 362

Morning Has Broken | BUNESSAN

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH & INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

*OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Now God be Praised | M. Vulpius

Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY 808 | OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving | Scott Hovey

The Commission

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

*HYMN OF WITNESS 710

We Are Called to Be God’s People | AUSTRIAN HYMN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro” from Voluntary in C | Dr. Maurice Greene

Melinda Clark, Organ

Melissa Lester, Worship Leader

Becky Pinney, Lay Reader

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