

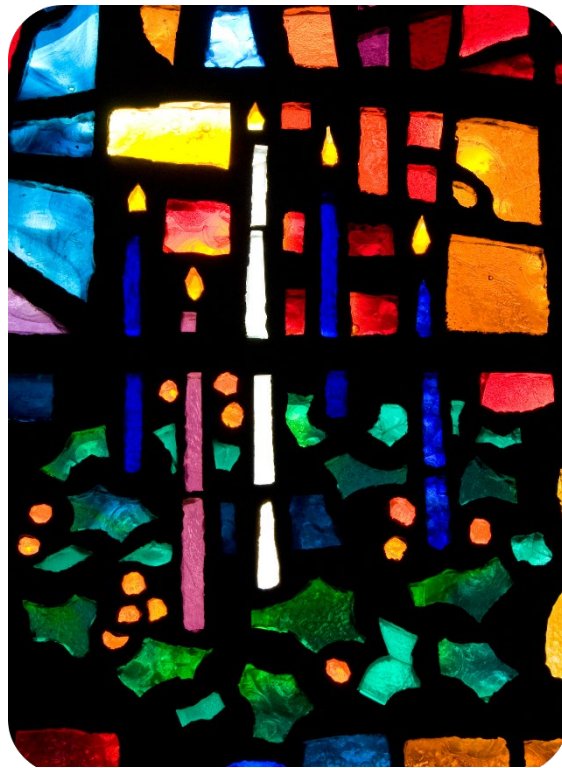


# NORTHSIDE DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**The Worship of God  
December 27, 2020**

**The First Sunday of Christmas**

**The Preparation**



*The Art of Being  
Northside Drive*

Opening Voluntary

Melinda Clark

*Noel Provençal Sur Le Noel*  
(He is Born the Child Divine)  
Robert Leech Bedell

Call to Worship

The Litany of Invitation and Confession

Leader: On this first Sunday of Christmas, we welcome the living Christ who comes as a baby.

**All: We welcome the living Christ who is present in the least of these.**

Leader: Because Christ is present, even the year of pandemic cannot overcome the joy of Christmas.

**All: For wherever God is, joy is abundant.**

Leader: May the radiant joy of Christ carry us through these dark days.

**All: We confess that we have lived at times in despair and with little hope; so, we ask for God's mercy and forgiveness.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: 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.

**All: Let us lift our voices in praise to God.**

Gloria

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Tim Getsay

Congregational Hymn # 171

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

A Time with the Children

Daniel Headrick

Reading of Luke 2:22-40

Liz Harris-Lamkin

Sermon *Let Thy Servant Depart in Peace*

James Lamkin

Discipline of Silence

Featured Music *Song of Simeon Orlando Lassus arr. Mark Schweizer*  
*Staff Ensemble*

Doxology

Stewardship Reminder

James Lamkin

Benediction

James Lamkin

Closing Voluntary

Melinda Clark

Improvisation on *Like a River Glorious*

WYE VALLEY

The Closing Voluntary today is offered in honor of Pastor James Lamkin and in Thanksgiving for twenty-three years of pastoral leadership, guidance, and love given to Northside Drive Baptist Church. Godspeed towards your next mission.

*During this time of remote worship, know of our prayers for you and your family. Contact our clergy if you have prayer requests or other concerns. You may make your donation via our website through this link <http://northsidedrive.org/giving/> or by mail to Northside Drive Baptist Church 3100 Northside Drive, N.W. Atlanta, GA 30305*

# 171 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared . . . praising God . . . Lk. 2:13*

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3. Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

WORSHIP ORDER

# 808 Praise God from Whom All Blessings

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;". The second system contains the lyrics: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken, 1709  
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
L.M.