



*The Art of Being
Northside Drive*

**First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
November 28, 2021**

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Advent is like the hush in a theater just before the curtain rises. It is like the hazy ring around the winter moon that means the coming of snow which will turn the night to silver. Soon. But for the time being, our time, darkness is where we are.

~ Frederick Buechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*

Opening Voluntary

Melinda Clark

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

Creator of the Stars of Night CONDITOR ALME

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne MARGARET

Prepare the Way, O Zion Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697

Morning Chimes

*Litany of Preparation

Preston Davis

Leader: People of God, we stand at the entrance of the Sanctuary and at the doorway of the Christian year on this first Sunday of Advent. We claim the hope of Isaiah, “those who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

All: We begin Advent by adorning our Sanctuary with symbols of hope, life, and promise that will guide our worship for the next four weeks.

Leader: What shall we bring into God’s house?

All: We will bring branches of cedar and holly, evergreens and Chrismons, and most of all we will bring our lives and our hearts.

Leader: Let us ready our hearts and this sacred space. Let us prepare for the One who comes to bring abundant life.

All: Advent is here!

*Hymn of Praise # 135

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Gathering

Karen Massey

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible, page 738 (Old Testament)

The Morning Prayer

Karen Massey

Leader: God, who always is coming toward us, our hearts echo
the Church's plea:

All: Holy Jesus, come visit us.

Leader: Come into these days too filled and hours too hurried
and be our peace.

All: Holy Jesus, come visit us.

Leader: Come into this troubled world and be our hope.

All: Holy Jesus, come visit us.

Leader: Come into this season of light and be our soul's true
light.

All: Holy Jesus, come visit us.

Leader: Come into this time of celebration and be our joy.

All: Holy Jesus, come visit us.

Leader: Come into our lives and be life for us.

**All: Holy Jesus, come visit us. Come and be Emmanuel,
God with us. Amen.**

The Wreath: A Circle of Light

The Symbol of the Advent Wreath

Karen Massey

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Will & Peter Mathews-Martire

Leader: Today we await the Advent of Christ.

All: We gather as a people of hope.

Leader: We stand in breathless anticipation of a joyful season
that has been celebrated for hundreds of years, yet that

astounds us anew each year.

All: Our hope springs anew from the ancient vision.

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfections, we hope.

All: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.

(Lighting of the Advent *Candle of Hope*)

The Gloria

GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

The Green: A Hope of Fresh Growth

The Symbol of the Greenery

Karen Massey

Musical Offering

People, Look East
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Martin Shaw

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Furrow, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.*

*Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.*

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

*Star, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl to brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.
Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

*Doxology *Christmas Doxology* W ZLOBIE LEZY

*Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-In-One.*

*Here we offer to you gladly, all the gifts that you impart
as we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.*

(During the singing of the Doxology, people may bring their greenery to
the altar.)

*Gospel Lesson Luke 21: 25-36

Pew Bible, page 85 (New Testament)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Advent Meditation

Preston Davis

The Chrismons: A Symbol of God's Love

The Symbol of the Chrismons

Karen Massey

*The Hanging of the Chrismons

(Children and adults are invited to choose a Chrismon and place it on the
tree during the singing of the hymn.)

*Hymn

O Christmas Tree O TANNENBAUM

O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!

A tree most fair and lovely.

O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!

A tree most fair and lovely.

*You do proclaim the Savior's birth,
Good will to all and peace on earth.
O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
A tree most fair and lovely.
O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
How richly God has decked thee,
O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
How richly God has decked thee.*

*You bid us true and faithful be,
And trust in God unchangingly.
O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
How richly God has decked thee.*

*Benediction

Preston Davis

Postlude

Melinda Clark

Magnificat Fugue Johann Pachelbel

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Advent Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 1

10:30 AM – Pastor's Morning Bible Study

11:30 AM – Worship Planning

7:30 PM – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12—Gaudete Sunday. NDBC Sanctuary

Choir will present *A Cavalcade of Carols* at 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Friday, December 24—Church office closes at Noon

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 26—First Sunday of Christmas

Friday, December 31—Church office closes at Noon



FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the honor and glory of God by Beth Laxton and in honor of her parents, Ruby and Jack Laxton, whose 66th wedding anniversary was on November 20.



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia orders are underway. The cost is \$20.00.
Deadline for orders is Thursday, December 9.



OUR VISION

We believe God calls us into Christian community with the challenge to discern and act upon the ongoing revelation of God in our time and place.

We live out this vision by being a church rooted deeply in liturgical traditions, where intergenerational friendships are valued, all members can be known by name, open-mindedness is the basis of spiritual formation, resources are shared generously, and where hands-on service is crucial to our own discipleship and the mission of Christ in the world.

We celebrate this vision through the intimacy of a loving congregation, the strength of Baptist freedoms, and the reach of an ecumenical and inclusive spirit.



NDBC CORE VALUES

Northside Drive Baptist Church values being
Inclusive, Inquiring, and Involved.



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Greg DeLoach, Interim Pastor

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other concerns at 404-237-8621.*

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 135

I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come . . . Hag. 2:7

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.