

Northside Drive Baptist Church  
3100 Northside Drive NW  
Atlanta, GA 30305-1909



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### Tender Loving Prayer List

The TLP is a Diaconate ministry. Each list contains the rotating names of two to four NDBC senior adults.

Jack & Joey Guynn  
Muriel Hardy  
Helen White

If you would like your name placed on our rotating TLP list, please give the church office a call.



### Pastor's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Meets weekly from  
10:30-11:30 AM in the  
Church's Conference Room.

We study the texts selected in the Revised Common Lectionary for the next Sunday. Large print editions are available each week and for the upcoming Sunday. Discussion is deep and wide and lively. All are invited.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday  
at 7:00 PM  
in the Church Parlor

If you are not sure how to knit or crochet, no problem, there will be plenty of people to help you get started. This group is open to anyone who would like to join! For more information call Susan Harlan at 770-377-3869.

### CHURCH WEEK December 9-December 22

#### SUNDAY, December 9—Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal  
9:30 AM - Church School  
10:10 AM - Children's Choirs Rehearsals  
11:00 AM - Morning Worship-Sanctuary  
12:00 PM - Children's Cookie Party in the Fellowship Hall

#### TUESDAY, December 11

10:00 AM - Worship Planning  
11:00 AM - Triple E Christmas Luncheon  
7:30 PM - Choral Guild of Atlanta Concert in the Sanctuary

#### WEDNESDAY, December 12

10:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study

#### THURSDAY, December 13

7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

#### SATURDAY, December 15

10:00 AM - Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

#### SUNDAY, December 16—Third Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday

8:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal  
9:30 AM - Church School  
10:25 AM - Children's Choirs Rehearsal  
11:00 AM - Morning Worship - Sanctuary

#### TUESDAY, December 18

10:00 AM - Staff Meeting  
11:00 AM - Worship Planning  
12:00 PM - ROMEOS

#### WEDNESDAY, December 19

10:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study

#### THURSDAY, December 20

7:00 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures

#### December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

#### December 16

Third Sunday of Advent/  
Gaudete Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

### December Birthdays

Hans-Luca Davis-6

Syd Janney-7

Laura Butts-7

Lisa Barksdale-8

Andrew Hardin-9

Jack Guynn-10

Ava Grace Cook-10

Elaine Eassa-13

Clay Manley-17

Charlotte Dalke-20

Jenn Knight-23

Joan McIntyre-24

Emma Chandler-27

Joseph Cassata-27

Ruth Trager-28

Bill Jones-28

Muriel Hardy-29

Jeanne Goodwill-30

### NORTHSIDE DRIVE STAFF

Rev. Dr. James Lamkin

Pastor

Rev. Daniel Headrick

Associate Pastor

Dr. Keith H. Walker

Director of Music Ministries

Mary Lou Swann

Director of Children's Choirs

Melinda Clark

Interim Organist

Andrea Johnson

Director of Children's Ministries

Rose Hiday

Business Office Manager

Will Mathews

Administrative Manager

Joleen Neel

Preschool Director

David Vaughns

Custodian

Nick Bonner

Custodian

Gregory Colson

Director Emeritus of  
Music Ministries

Would you like to donate  
flowers for the sanctuary?

The cost is \$100, or you can  
share the cost with someone.

If you are interested, please call  
Will Mathews at 404-237-8621

or email at

[will@northsidedrive.org](mailto:will@northsidedrive.org).

The new year will begin soon.  
Make your reservations now  
for 2019.



# The PINNACLE

## Northside Drive

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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### THIS WEEK'S MINISTRY TEAM

*Liturgy means the work of the people. Liturgical is not only how we go at worship; it is how we work at being the church all week long.*

As you see these names, remember to...affirm them in their work, pray for them in their dedication, and encourage them in their service. Time and effort are gifts to God and God's people. For these gift-givers, we are grateful.

### The Hospitality Ministry Team 2018-2019

Barbara Atchley

Nancy F. Davis

Susan Dew

Carolyn Herndon

Terrell Kilgore

*On Gaudete Sunday, December 16, 2018, the theme is joy. Of our many blessings this year, we give thanks and have great joy for the gift of new life in our congregational community. During this service, we will offer a blessing for families with children born during the last twelve months. Just prior to the Morning Prayer and Blessing, families with newborns are invited to stand. If able, you are invited to bring your child to this portion of the service.*

### Christmas Giving at Northside Drive Baptist Church

#### All gifts are due on this Sunday, December 9.

*During the Christmas season, Northside Drive provides many ways for members to brighten the holidays for others. Through gifts of clothing, toys, time, and money, we share God's love in our community and beyond.*

**Giving Tree---**Support the children who are residents on the campus of Morningstar Children and Family Services by taking a tag from the tree and returning the **Unwrapped gift by December 9.**

**The Extension and Crafton Center---**Donate new socks, gloves, scarves, stocking caps and new or gently used towels and wash cloths to the men and women served through the centers' addiction recovery program. **Bring the Unwrapped gifts by December 9.**

**Buckhead Christian Ministry---**The young adults are sponsoring a family of 5 who are clients of BCM.

Contact Daniel Headrick or  
Andrea Johnson for ways to participate.



### Hanging of the Green

### First Sunday of Advent 2018

Andrea Johnson teaching the children about the symbolism of the Chrismons that we place on the trees.





PastoralReflection

“An Advent Prayer, Repurposed”

By: James Lamkin



I heard of an argument between a guy and a girlfriend over the shelf-life of prayer. They attended a church which was a satellite of another church. During the weekly worship service at the satellite congregation, they played a video of the sermon from the other church recorded the previous week. There was a seven day delay.

As the video sermon began, the preacher said, “Let us pray.” And those in the satellite congregation bowed their heads.

You see where this is going. The guy’s question to his friend was, “When does God hear the prayer? This week or last?” I don’t think the discussion ended well.

That being said, Rev. Clay Manley was to offer the Morning Prayer this past Sunday; but a fall on Saturday afternoon prevented him from attending.

He passed along his “to have been prayed,” words to me. Given that we will light the Candle of Peace next Sunday, I pass along some of them to you; and I bet God is still listening:

*So, give us that portion of thy Grace necessary for us to claim the Advent Angel’s song as our constant prayer: “Glory to God in the highest, And on Earth, peace!”*

*Glory up there. Peace down here. Lord God, let it be our prayer. And, if it be thy good pleasure, let it become our song. Glory, Peace...Peace...Peace. Amen*



Toiletries Collection

The Missions Ministry Team and the Children’s Ministry Team are collecting toiletries for residents of the Barbara J Crafton home in Marietta and clients served through Buckhead Christian Ministry in Atlanta. We can use hotel size up to 16 oz. items such as shampoo, conditioner, and lotion, as well as deodorant, small hand sanitizers, bars of soap, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We are also collecting cosmetic bags like the ones that come with a “gift with purchase”. A basket for the toiletries will be available in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Mona Stines.



Why we give to Northside Drive: By Graham Mudd

Each year, when our family begins to consider making our gift to Northside Drive, I’m flooded with gratitude for the many memories and gifts it has given us. I’m reminded time and again what a unique place Northside Drive Baptist Church is and how fortunate I was to have been brought up in such a warm, inclusive and loving church home. It has been an integral part of shaping my view of the world and my values. Now, as an adult, arriving to church each Sunday with my own children, I see many of the same smiling faces I grew up with greeting them for Sunday school. New and familiar faces volunteer to hold our babies in the nursery and host them for fun events such as cookouts in their homes. As it always was for me, church is a place where our children feel loved and accepted and celebrated just as they are. Our children are growing up in a church community where they are always comfortable, secure and adored... an experience that isn’t necessarily replicated by teachers and classmates at school or coaches and teammates on the field. But, at NDBC, we get to count on it at church. We get to rely on the comfort and love that is waiting for us each and every week- and we cherish that and the role it plays in molding our children into the people they will become.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Vespers  
4:00 PM

Lessons, Carols & Communion  
10:30 PM

Pre-Service Music

During the four Sundays of Advent, we will have a program of seasonal music beginning at 10:50 AM. Melinda Clark will share the many colors of the organ on December 9. Joel Stouffer will share his talent on December 16. On December 23, Steve Sheeley will share his talent on the hammered dulcimer. Mark your calendar and plan to arrive early to hear these talented members as we journey through Advent.



Triple E meets  
December 11, 2018  
@ 11:00 AM in the  
Fellowship Hall

Christmas Program  
Presented by: Keith Walker

Celebrate the season with friends and guests of NDBC. Keith will sing favorite Christmas songs, then lead us in a sing-along. Bring your friends and family for a delicious lunch, delightful music, and sharing of the Christmas spirit. Make your reservations early and bring your family & friends.



Choral Guild of Atlanta presents Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten

Celebrate the holidays with a concert performance of Benjamin Britten’s **Saint Nicholas** choral drama retelling the story of this renowned seasonal namesake.  
**Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:30 PM**  
Northside Drive Baptist Church



Christmas Poinsettias

It has long been our tradition here at Northside Drive Baptist Church to give poinsettias each Christmas in honor/ memory/thankfulness for our friends and family. This year our annual poinsettia display will be in place on **Sunday, December 16**. After the 10:30 PM service on December 24, you will be able to take your memorial poinsettia home. Each poinsettia plant is only \$20. Order envelopes are available in the Narthex for your use. Simply fill it out and drop it in the offering plate, or call Rose Hidlay at 404-237-8621 with the number of poinsettias you wish to give, and the memorial details. Then mail your check to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

The deadline for orders is Thursday, December 13.

*\*U.S. regulations do not allow us to offer contribution credit for Easter & Christmas plants because the plants are returned to the giver.*



ROMEO’S WILL MEET TUESDAY, December 18, 2018, AT NOON

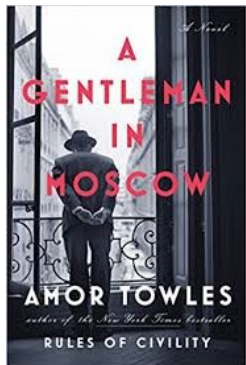
Piccadilly Cafeteria,  
536 Cobb Pkwy S. Marietta, GA 30060.  
(Highway 41 just south of the Big Chicken).

The only cost is your food, plus a tip. Good meals. Good conversation. Visit with NDBC members and the ministerial staff. For further information call Posey Starkey: 404-904-0890.



NDBC Book Club

meets January 16 @ 1:00 PM



NDBC Fellowship Hall  
**A Gentleman in Moscow**  
by Amor Towles

Facilitator: Nancy Hall  
Hostess: Nancy Hall

**Les Trois Voix**, a women’s vocal ensemble based in Atlanta, will present their premiere concert on **Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.** in the Chapel at Northside Drive Baptist Church. The ensemble features Erin Garrard, Jenna Gould (NDBC Staff Soprano), and Katie Sadler-Stephenson. The concert *Sing of Mary: Songs of the Mother* will feature music that focuses on Mary’s experience before and after the birth of Jesus. For more information visit their website [www.lestroisvoix.org](http://www.lestroisvoix.org).