

Homecoming Sunday

March 15, 2026



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Childcare & Children in Worship: We embrace the wonder and excitement children bring everywhere they go! To help them engage in worship, we offer Children's Bags, noise-reducing headphones, scribble pads, and Children in Worship cards. If at any time your child needs a changing or feeding area, or simply a change of scenery, please feel free to visit the nursery located on the first floor or the nursing room on the main floor. Nursery care is also available for children ages 8 weeks to 5 years old, if desired. Please ask one of our Sunday Servants or staff members, and we will be happy to assist you.

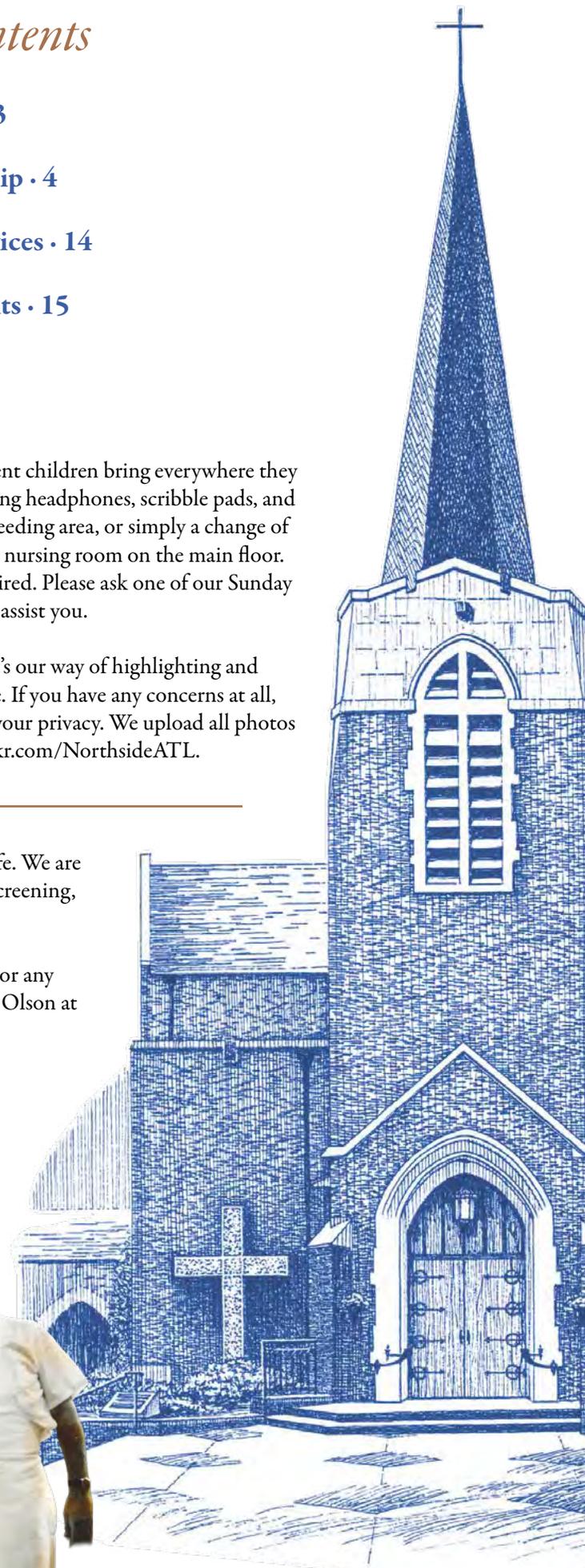
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Northside is a Safe Sanctuary congregation that utilizes MinistrySafe. We are committed to providing a safe place for all ages through training, screening, and reporting.

We seek to make Northside an inclusive and accessible church. For any additional accommodations, please contact Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson at CatherineB@NorthsideUMC.org.



Let us know
you're here!





*Celebrating 75 Years
of Ministry & Mission*

Welcome home to Northside Church! There is a place for you to KNOW the love of God,
to GROW as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to GO into the world to serve others.

Our faith community celebrates seventy-five years of faithful service. Today's Homecoming
Service is "a foretaste of glory divine" as Christ's saints gather in worship and fellowship.
Come and grow with us—the best is yet to be!

In Christ,

Dr. Bill Burch

Bill Burch
Senior Pastor



WORSHIPING GOD TOGETHER SINCE 1950

March 15, 2026 at 10:00AM · Homecoming Sunday

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God,
to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

† GATHERING SONGS

Matt Jackson & Band

HOUSE OF THE LORD | *Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham*

We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.

Chorus:

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.



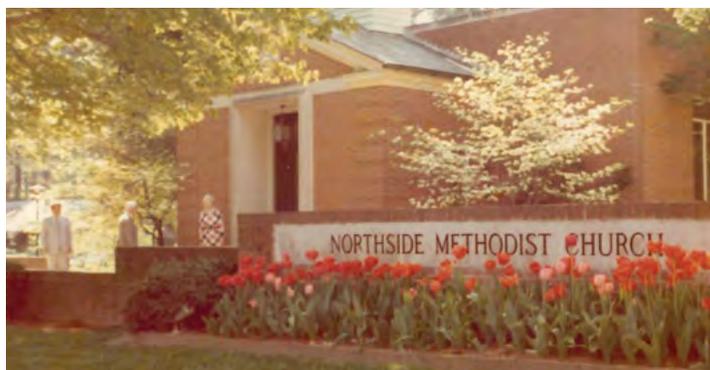
**There is an endless song, Echoes in my soul,
I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come,
I am holding on, to the rock I cling.**

Chorus:

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King,
And it makes my heart want to sing.**

Bridge:

**I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to You in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath,
Sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne.**



Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We gather as those who have come home—to faith remembered and faith renewed.

People: **With grateful hearts, we return to the place where God has met us before.**

Pastor: We give thanks for the saints who built this church and the Spirit who sustains it still.

People: **We rejoice in the stories, prayers, and love that live within these walls.**

Pastor: There's a place for you at Northside Church.

People: **Welcome home! Praise be to God. Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN | #98: all stanzas | To God Be the Glory

Nathan Schreer & Homecoming Choir

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain***

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Rev. Ann Self

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn 70

**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.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Angela House

Jackson Allen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. House

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

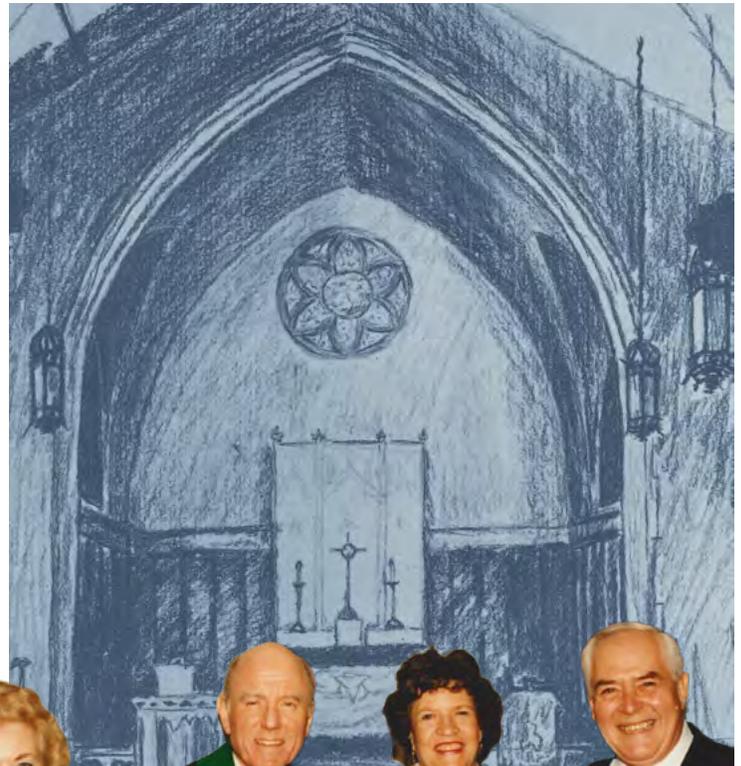
BAPTISM RESPONSE | Hymn 611: stanza 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign.
With this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a special message.



Our Homecoming service features a special anthem offered by our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir members, and alumni of the Youth Choir, celebrating generations of music and faith shared at Northside.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread,
What have I to fear,
'Cause I'm leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have a blessed peace with my Lord,
my Lord so near, 'Cause I'm leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

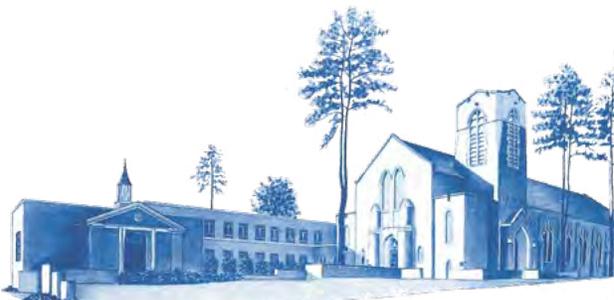
MINISTRY MOMENT | 75th Homecoming

Dr. Burch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. G. Gil Watson

**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,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**



HYMN OF PREPARATION | Open Our Eyes, Lord

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

SCRIPTURE | Revelation 21:1-7 | Pew Bible, pg. 1769

Dr. Burch

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | “Homecoming”

Dr. Burch



**Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.**

Refrain:

**When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!**

**While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh. *Refrain***

**Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory
will the toils of life repay. *Refrain***

**Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold. *Refrain***

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. House

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This special anthem setting of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” was commissioned for this Homecoming Service as part of the ongoing celebration of the church’s 75th anniversary year. Thoughtfully arranged by Kyle Pederson, the piece serves as a musical gathering point for the whole congregation, bringing together musicians and leaders from Northside’s various worship styles in a single shared offering of praise. It reflects our shared song and calling as one church family — “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

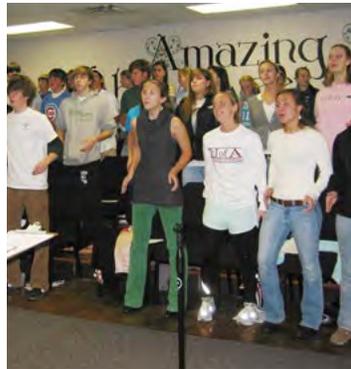
Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise your name, I’m fixed upon it, name of thy redeeming love.

Hither by thy love You’ve blessed me, You have brought me to this place.
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me while a stranger wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger offers up His endless love.

Alleluia! For Your every blessing, our alleluias rise!

Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it with thy boundless love.
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it with thy boundless love.

—Text by Robert Robinson and adapted by Kyle Pederson



† DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† TABLE BLESSING

Rev. Boothe Olson

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Jones

† SENDING SONG | And All the People Said Amen

Matt Jackson & Band

**You are not alone if you are lonely,
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
But thank God, it's all you need.**

Chorus:

**And all the people said, "Amen."
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."**

**If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world,
He sent His son to save us all. *Chorus***

Bridge:

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. *Chorus***

Postlude | Fanfare | *Lemmings*

Joshua McClure, organ

You're Invited to Our 75th Homecoming Lunch!

As we celebrate 75 years of worship, fellowship, mission, and God's faithfulness, we invite you to a special Homecoming meal following service. The meal is complementary; no reservations necessary. All are welcome to enjoy this gift of fellowship — members, guests, friends, and family. There is a place for you at the table.

All serving lines are identical, each offering BBQ chicken, pasta salad, coleslaw, Texas toast, and a cookie. Salads are available for those with food limitations.

Once you have your boxed lunch, you're invited to enjoy your meal in the Fellowship Hall, Gym, or Watson Faith & Arts Center. A Hymn Sing will take place in the Watson Faith & Arts Center after lunch. Today is about reconnecting, remembering, and rejoicing together. We are excited to celebrate with you!





Lent & Easter

SPRING FESTIVAL MUSIC

On Sunday, March 22, at the 8:30 and 11:15AM services, experience "I AM," a powerful musical journey. The Festival Choir and Orchestra bring to life the "I AM" statements of Jesus, reflecting and deepening our Lenten sermon series. Through scripture, narration, and song, encounter Christ's words anew and connect them to your Lenten journey. Contact Nathan Schreer at NathanS@NorthsideUMC.org.

HOLY WEEK COMMUNION

On the Thursday of Holy Week, April 2, we gather for a powerful service remembering Christ's final days. Join us in the Watson Faith & Arts Center at noon or 6:30PM. This service blends traditional and contemporary elements as we share in a time of remembrance, reflection and Holy communion. Contact Joshua McClure at JoshuaM@NorthsideUMC.org.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Join us on Saturday, April 4, for Northside's egg hunt on the grassy lawn. We will begin promptly at 10:15AM, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Rain or shine, we will have the egg hunt. Register at www.NorthsideUMC.org/registrations or contact Nancy Jeanne Chadwick at NancyJeanneC@NorthsideUMC.org with any questions.

EASTER SUNDAY

Join us this Easter, Sunday, April 5, as we worship God on this holy day and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will have Traditional Worship services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:15AM; Contemporary Worship services will be at 9:00 and 10:30AM. Enjoy the fun and joy that animals bring to children and adults alike during Easter before and after services. For more information, visit www.NorthsideUMC.org/lent-easter.



Highlights

75 DAYS OF SERVING GOD AND OUR COMMUNITY

Join us for our 75 days of intentional service, where faith meets action! Now through April 17, 2026, we invite you to participate in a transformative journey of serving God and our local community. Whether you are passionate about education, supporting our unhoused siblings, or repairing homes for families in need, there's a place for you to serve! All are welcome. All are needed. Sign up at www.NorthsideUMC.org/75daysofservice or take a paper heart with you after worship. Contact Elle Moye at ElleM@NorthsideUMC.org.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Please join Northside Children's Music Ministry for our Annual Spring Musical Performance on Sunday, April 26! This year's production will be "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit!" detailing the Story of David and Goliath. This free event begins at 5:00PM and is open to everyone. Doors open at 4:30PM. Contact Nathan Schreer at NathanS@NorthsideUMC.org.

SUMMER CAMPS

Northside Sports & Rec. Summer 2026 camp lineup is here! Whether you like Golf, Ballet, Karate, Basketball, Dodgeball or STEM Camp, there is a place for you! Come be a part of a great summer with us where your child will be sure to have fun, learn and grow in a supportive environment, build confidence and develop relationships with one another and through Jesus Christ. Register www.SportsAndRec.NorthsideUMC.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for an exciting Road Trip VBS on June 8-11 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Our young travelers will embark on fun adventures, exploring new places, making friends, and discovering God's presence everywhere they go. Led by the Navigators' Guide (the Bible) and the adventurous pup Scout, they will learn that God is always with them through engaging stories from the Bible. Get ready for a memorable trip filled with fun, learning, and God's goodness! Register at www.NorthsideUMC.org/registrations.

Know, Grow & Go

Visit www.NorthsideUMC.org/Prayer to submit a prayer request or www.NorthsideUMC.org/Carecard to fill out a Care Card.

We celebrate the baptism of Jackson Allen Kennemer, son of Kelly and Sam Kennemer, grandson of George and Jennifer Peterson, born August 11, 2025.

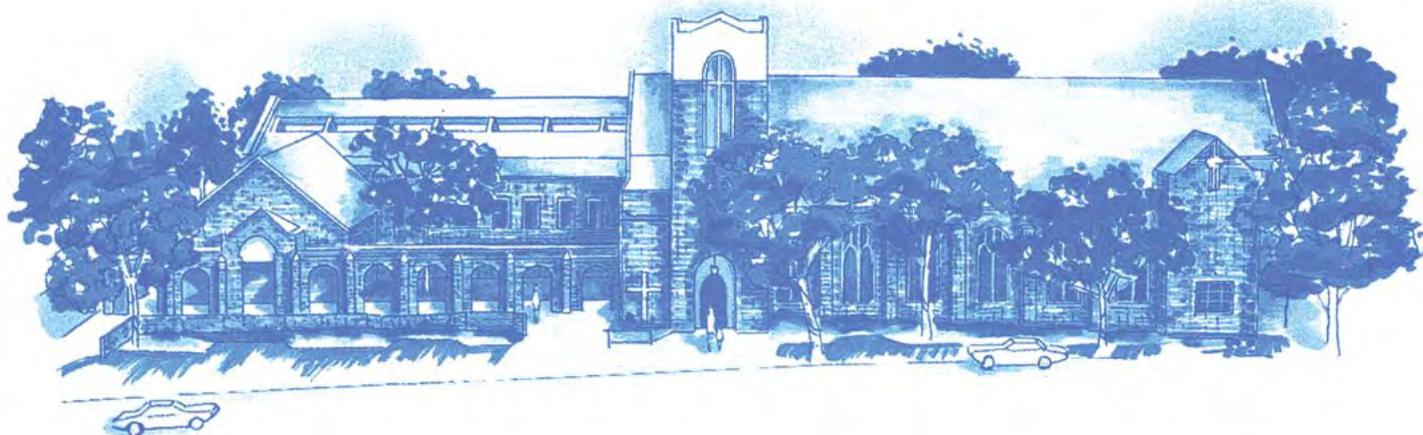
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Questions about worship or membership? Email Melody Brown at MelodyB@NorthsideUMC.org.

Ready to take the next step in your discipleship journey? Email Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson at CatherineB@NorthsideUMC.org.

Looking for pastoral care or missions? Email Rev. Angela House at AngelaH@NorthsideUMC.org.





The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God:
in loving memory of Dr. Anthony “Tony” Musarra by Carole Cole Musarra.

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor*

AFFILIATED CLERGY

Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired*
Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired* • Rev. Douglas Herlong • Rev. Jennifer Hansen

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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Matt Jackson, *Director of Contemporary Worship* • Ryan McDougall, *Director of Production*
Stephen Chopek, *Drums* • Drew Lawson, *Bass* • Rich Gunderlock, *Saxophone* • Wes Funderburk, *Trombone*
David Sayers, *Trumpet* • Corey Chapman, *Dobro* • Randy Hoexter, *Keys* • Matt Jackson, *Acoustic* • Takiya Mason, *Vocalist*

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